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HICKMAN, FULTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1908.

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Ladies Storm City Council

Ask That City Legislation be Brought
to Bear Upon the Illegal Liquor
Traffic and Lawlessness.

The city dads were greatly surprised Monday night when a delegation of ladies called on them during a session of that august body. The ladies were representatives of the W. C. T. U., and appeared before the council to ask them to help put down the illegal liquor traffic in this city, and to put a stop to so much drunkenness and profanity on the streets.

Addressees were made before the council by Mrs. S. M. Hubbard, Mrs. F. E. Case, Mrs. J. E. Fuqua and others, followed by Revs. Watts and Turkington, urging them to take steps to curb the present state of affairs.

The Councilmen promised to do what they could, and have called a mass meeting for the latter part of the week, at which the citizens will be asked to help to carry on the reform and express their opinions.

When the ladies take hold of things, look out; the "hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

Here's hoping they will be successful in their undertaking.

The many friends in this county of J. W. Roney, of Hickman, Ky., will be pleased to know that in the recent democratic primary he led the field for county attorney. A nomination there is equal to an election as the county is 1200 to 1500 democratic, and the republicans seldom put out a ticket in the general election. He had two opponents and the vote stood Roney, 754; Smith, 630; Tyler, 520. Mr. Roney is a fine young man and is making good in every particular. His many relatives and friends in this county will rejoice in his good fortune, and wish him continued success and prosperity — Democrat, Huntington, Tenn.

The first district Educational Association which has been in session at Benton, selected as the place of meeting next year, and elected the following officers: President, W. D. Dodds, of Mayfield; vice-president C. M. White, of Kuttawa; secretary, C. W. Richards, of Princeton, enrolling clerk, L. B. Alexander, of Paducah. Kuttawa was selected as place of next meeting.

The Courier is under obligations to that prince of good fellows, Sheriff J. T. Seat, for special favors last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Utie Parham returned Sunday from Omaha, Tex., where she has been several months in the milinery business.

The latest New York sky scrapers is to have 43 stories; six of them below the ground.

D. B. Bryant, of Union City, spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. T. A. Ledford.

If you want first-class laundry, leave your packages at Millet & Naylor's.

Geo. L. White was here from Cayce, Tuesday, on business.

Only one more issue of the Courier until after the holidays.

S. Smith, of the Cash Grocery, is on the sick list.

Kodaks for Christmas.—Helm & Ellison.

For Lung Troubles

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral certainly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, consumption. And it certainly strengthens weak throats and weak lungs. There can be no mistake about this. You know it is true. And your own doctor will say so.

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..A CHRISTMAS STORE..

If you are at a loss what to give for Christmas, we would advise a look through our store, where you will find the largest and most varied assortment of practical and appropriate gifts to be found anywhere in town. Gifts for the whole family—men, as well as ladies and children. Below we offer a few suggestions:

FOR LADIES

Christmas Table Linens, Towels, Art Linens, Dress or Waist Patterns, Table Covers, Pillows, Hosiery, Rugs, Furs, Gloves, Scarfs, Hand Bags, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, Ruching, Collars, House Slippers, Cloaks, Neckwear, Etc.

FOR MEN

A nice Suit or Overcoat, Hats, Shoes, House Slippers, Shirts, Shoes, Holiday Neckwear, Suit Cases, Hand Bags, Linen and Silk Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear, Mufflers, Collars, Suspenders, Bath Robes, Sweaters, Suit Cases, Etc.

FOR GIRLS

Cloaks, Furs, handkerchiefs, shoes, dress or waist Patterns, neckwear, scarfs, pins, collars, gloves, fancy Linens, latest novelties, Etc.

FOR BOYS

A Suit or Overcoat, gloves, hats, neckwear, mufflers, Collars, handkerchiefs, shoes, hosiery, stick pins, Caps, Sweaters, Etc.

Smith & Amberg

Saturday Last Day.

Two more days are left of the Courier's Popular Lady Contest. Some young lady will get an elegant Christmas present. While we have not counted the votes during the past three weeks, we believe from present indications it will be a surprisingly close finish. From the interest taken by four of the young ladies during the past week, it is evident that the winner will have to hustle. Friends are helping friends. Six of our readers paid up for five years in advance this week, to say nothing of two and three year payments made.

Saturday night at 8 o'clock the contest closes. No votes will be received after that hour. After 8 o'clock, the counting committee will take charge of the keys and ballot box, and the three contestants having the greatest number of votes will be awarded the three prizes, taking choice according to their standing.

Do not be too sure that you will win—there are others. It might be well to make your last efforts the best ones. The time is short and vote may be close.

Remember, subscriptions for over five years for one person will not be accepted. When you bring your lists to the office, please have the names and addresses plainly written—especially Saturday afternoon, in order to facilitate our work. It is alright to take subscriptions for the Courier and Commercial-Appeal at \$1.25 a year for both, but no votes are given on the extra 25¢.

Again we assure you that we have

Who Will Get It?



This Beautiful \$400 Forbes Piano Will be Given Away
Next Saturday to the Young Lady Having the Greatest
Number of Votes in the Popular Lady Contest.
Contest Closes at 8 o'clock Saturday Night.

and will use every precaution in making the contest fair and impartial—we have no favorites, and will see that each contestant gets fair treatment.

Mr. Clark and a number of carpenters are remodeling the opera house this week. It will look like a new one when they finish their work.

Mrs. Sam Howard, wife of County Court Clerk Howard, of Obion county, died at her home near Union City last Thursday. She is survived by her husband.

C. A. Wilson, of near town, has two very sick children—one has whooping cough, the other pneumonia.

Death Near Moscow.

Mrs. Ellen McClannahan died Tuesday night at her home east of Moscow and the burial took place Wednesday afternoon at Harmony. Mrs. McClannahan was in her 76th year and her death was caused by paralysis, though she had long been a sufferer of stomach trouble which hastened her death. She was the widow of Joe McClannahan, a well known citizen of that community who died in 1900. Her first husband was a Mr. Stancil and her only living child is Chas. Stancil, a valued citizen of the county who also lives near Moscow.

Mrs. McClannahan was a good woman, one of the motherly kind that endear themselves to all who come into the circle of their acquaintance. The editor for many years counted her among his best friends and was sorry to learn that she was gone.—Clinton Gazette.

It looks like a settled fact that the unit law for whiskey selling is going to be the "bone of contention" in the next legislature of this state. It is being made the issue in the selection of many nominees which are being chosen.

Miss Elsie Shaw, who has been attending school, is at her home, sick with scarlet fever.

All kinds of rubber shoes for men, women and boys at Millet & Naylor's.

Judge F. S. Moore has been on the sick list for several days.

Mrs. Murley Roper was here from State Line, Saturday.

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Will Bore for Oil Near Here

Standard Oil Co. to Sink Wells at Reelfoot Lake in Search of Oil.
Lease 7,000 acres.

The West Tennessee Land Company leased Saturday, 7,000 acres of land to the Standard Oil Company, and within a week or ten days the first well will be sunk in the lake bottom to a depth of 4,000 feet in a search for oil. The prospects are rare, indeed, for striking oil, and if the venture is successful it is believed that it will put an end for all time to come to the question of draining the lake, which question was undoubtedly at the bottom of the night rider troubles in Obion county.

The lease was signed by J. W. Scott, general agent for the Standard Oil Company, and Judge Harris, as president and general manager for the land company. The 7,000 acres are located in the center and lower end of the lake, and the first well will be bored just off White's Landing, two miles from Tiptonville. The machinery has been ordered for the boring, and will arrive some time this week. The operations will be commenced at once.

In speaking of the prospects for striking oil, Mr. Scott said:

"I have tried out seventeen lakes formed by the earthquakes of 1811 and 1812 since I have been connected with the Standard Oil Company, and have struck oil in every one of them. There is every reason to believe that we will be successful in boring wells in Reelfoot Lake. I cannot now say how many wells will be bored, but I know that the acreage covered by the lease signed Saturday will not be enough for us, if we are successful. The machinery is already on the way here, and we will start work at once. The first well will be sunk to a depth of 4,000 feet. I think in that depth we should strike a fine flow of oil."

Mr. Harris is also very enthusiastic over the venture. Following the lead of his father, Col. John Harris, his pet scheme has been to eventually drain the lake. He declined to discuss this question Saturday, but intimated that if oil was struck the project would hardly be pushed any further. It is the general opinion here however, that if oil is found there will be no further steps taken to drain the lake, at least not for many years to come.

The Graves county grand jury returned indictments for willful murder against five prisoners before it adjourned. The list includes Stanley Jones, who shot and killed Otto Hendley; Bud Grissom, who shot and killed Magistrate Robert Kennedy; Belle Johnson, colored, who murdered Alberta Parks, colored; Horace Redden, who shot and killed Herman Humphreys, and Jim Williamson, who killed his brother, Foster Williamson.

The case of Stanley Jones, charged with killing Otto Hendley, was called in circuit court Friday and continued until next term of court. By agreement of the commonwealth's attorney Jones was admitted to bail in the sum of \$7,500. He executed bond Saturday afternoon and was released from custody.—Mayfield Messenger.

Merritt Mason, aged 80, and his wife aged 76, were divorced in Enid, Okla., last week. They had been married but eight days. They both told of the cruel treatment received by each, and it took the combined efforts of the court officers to prevent them from fighting in the court room.

Gov. Willson has decided to have a semi-annual examination of the State's books made and will probably recommend to the Legislature that a controller be employed to further safeguard the State's money.

A Catholic school to cost when completed \$50,000, under the direction of the Sisters of Charity, of Nazareth, will be built soon at Fancy Farm.

All the new shapes and colors in hats can be found at Millet & Naylor's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Townsend's baby has scarlet fever.

Next Saturday the Courier's piano will be given away.

"Imperial" shoes for ladies at Millet & Naylor's.

W. G. Perry returned from Union City, Monday.

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SWINDLED THE GOVERNMENT

Sugar Trust Used False Scales When Sugar Was Appraised.

New York.—Richard Parr, a special agent of the United States treasury, told under oath before Commissioner Stedels of how he had trapped the American Sugar Refining Company in a practice that would shorten a menu and cheating small grocer, tampering with the scales they had loaned to the government so that they recorded short weight of the sugar unloaded from the ships for appraisement.

The scales were normally correct and would stand inspection, according to the testimony of Parr, but by means of a secret spring attached by the agents of the sugar trust they registered far short of the correct weight.

PER CAPITA INCREASED \$12

General Stock of Money Has Increased \$263,203,013.

Washington.—Charles H. Treat, treasurer of the United States, in his annual report calls attention to the fact that owing to the disturbed relations between the income and outgo of the government there was a deficiency last year of \$38,070,201, as against surplus for the preceding year of \$84,230,886, and points out that the total revenue for 1908 exceeded any preceding fiscal year except 1907.

The general stock of money in the country at the close of the last fiscal year was \$3,578,764,020, an increase of \$263,203,013, as compared with that of a year ago. The money in circulation for the past eleven years has steadily increased; the growth per capita advanced from \$22.87 in 1897 to \$34.72 in 1908. There were 266,306,572 pieces of United States paper currency in circulation October 1.

AUDIENCE HAD HAND ON GUN

Fighting Between Powers-Golden Adherents Narrowly Averted.

Frankfort, Ky.—Fierce fighting between the political adherents of Caleb Powers and Capt. H. H. Golden was only averted at London Thursday through the intervention of the hand of Providence. For hours hundreds of supporters of the men stood in the courthouse with their hands on their revolvers, waiting for the crack of a rifle or a revolver to begin battle. Golden, a candidate for the Republican nomination for commonwealths attorney on one side, denounced Powers as the arch-conspirator in the assassination of Gov. Goebel, while Powers in his speech told Golden he had related a story of the conspiracy told him by his brother, Wharton Golden, who was one of Powers' lieutenants in forming the mountain army which was brought to this city to assassinate enough of the Democratic legislators to give the Republicans control of the contest between Goebel and Gov. Taylor.

Both men spoke at the same time amid the hoots and derision of the opposite factions.

BRYAN EXPOSES SOCIALISM

Elimination of Competition Only Weakens All Business.

Lincoln, Neb.—"The Growth of Socialism" is the subject of the leading editorial in this week's issue of Mr. Bryan's Comander. Bryan warns the Republican party that it must yet deal with socialism and that it is no trivial problem. He says:

"The Socialist is an honest and an earnest man, but a mistaken man. Seeing abuses that ought to be corrected, he seeks to overturn the entire industrial system."

"The scientific Socialist has a new system which he would substitute for individualism. There is no doubt that theory of Socialism appeals to a sentiment, and yet the proposed system will not stand the test of analysis or reason. The Socialist is as much mistaken in seeking to destroy competition as is the parent who imagines that his child can be made stronger and better by reliving him of the struggle that has developed the father."

CAN'T FORCE "WET" TRAFFIC

But Common Carriers Must Take Liquor Into Dry Territory.

Richmond, Va.—The supreme court of appeals affirmed the decision of the State corporation commission in the case of the Portner Brewing Company against the Southern Express Company. The effect of the decision is that while common carriers must receive shipments for delivery to parties in "dry" territory, wholesalers, brewers, distillers and manufacturers cannot avail themselves of that right, for by so doing it would be made possible for violators of the law to compel common carriers to aid and abet violations on account of the consequences receiving the liquor when shipped in large quantities and then selling it contrary to law.

A FINE PLAYTHING FOR A BABY



MARTYR TO BOLL WEEVIL.

Women Who Contracted Incurable Disease Shoots Herself.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mrs. Adelaide L. Bentz, who had devoted years to the discovery of the cotton boll weevil, and who contracted an incurable disease while engaged in experiments for the government, shot herself at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. R. John, in this city, Thursday.

Two years ago Mrs. Bentz while supervising work on the Taft farm, Taft, Tex., was struck on the breast by a falling board. Cancer developed and medical treatment was unavailing. She left a letter for her son, Louis M. Bentz, revealing to him her boll weevil formula, and urging him to perfect her scientific plans.

CITY SAVED BY DYNAMITE

Night Rider Methods Used to Alter River's Current.

Pine Bluff, Ark.—Boyd's Point, the extreme end of the long strip of land around which the Arkansas river makes an immense horseshoe bend, and just opposite Pine Bluff, is being demolished with dynamite in the hope of deflecting the current of the Arkansas river so that it will strike below the city or at least below the zone in which are the heavy and costly buildings which have for the past 36 hours been endangered by the river which has undermined the banks on which the buildings stand and has caused them to cave.

Those who are firing the shots are not known, but they are evidently well organized and have evidently prepared thoroughly for the work in hand. The explosions have served to largely augment the crowds on the water front, where many are awaiting the fall of the new \$200,000 annex to the Jefferson county court house, which is in imminent danger and which, according to general belief, will be in the Arkansas river within a few hours. From the Pine Bluff shore the watchers see a flash, hear a muffled report and feel the ground tremble under them. No one ventures across the river, as the current is running so strongly that only by the most skillful handling would a small boat live in the stream and because the general impression is that work is being carried on there which is in good hands and which might be hampered by the sightseers to such an extent that the sightseers would be invited away. And then the scene of operations of a dynamiting corps is usually a dangerous spot for sightseers.

TONG THANKS THIS NATION

For Remission of \$14,000,000 of the Boxer Indemnity.

Washington.—Long may your excellency enjoy good health and happiness. May the American people be ever blessed with prosperity and peace. These are our heartfelt wishes."

The above are the sentiments expressed in the concluding sentences of the letter from the emperor of China to President Roosevelt, handed to him by Tong Shao Yi, the special Chinese ambassador, thanking the United States government for the remission of \$14,000,000 of the indemnity guaranteed by China for damages resulting from the Boxer rebellion. The presentation of the letter took place in the blue parlor of the White House. Tong Shao Yi, accompanied by Prince Tsai Fu, as first secretary, and a dozen other members of his suite, was introduced to the president by Acting Secretary Ade of the state department, in the absence of Mr. Root, who was confined to his home by an indisposition.

Woodward's "Jag" Best Hit.

Atlanta, Ga.—Because he threw a spectacular "jag" in the red-light district two weeks after he had been for the third time nominated for mayor of Atlanta, James G. Woodward, regular Democratic nominee, was defeated Wednesday by Robert F. Maddox, the independent candidate put forward by a committee of citizens. About 12,000 votes were cast, and Maddox won by a majority of about 3,500. Maddox ran on a "purity platform," which damaged decency in official conduct, and insisted that no "jags" should be thrown by the mayor of Atlanta.

TODDLED TO HIS THRONE.

Pu Yi Formally Installed Emperor of China.

Pekin.—The strict mourning, which has been observed in this city since the death, a fortnight ago, of Emperor Kung-Hsu and the dowager empress of China, was suspended long enough Wednesday morning to permit the ascension to the dragon throne of the baby emperor, Pu Yi, who became ruler of the kingdom under the name of Hsuan-Tung.

The ceremonies were brief, lasting only an hour. They were performed by officials of the highest rank and a number of coolies of the most humble classes in the empire were brought into the palace to act as witnesses.

The date upon which the new emperor will receive the members of the diplomatic corps will be fixed later.

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SENSATIONAL SUIT FILED.

Recovery of \$25,000 Interest Sought by Tobacco Growers.

Pine Bluff, Ky.—Allegations of a sensational nature were contained in a suit filed in the McCracken Circuit Court for a receiver of the Planters' Protective Association of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, composed of tobacco growers.

The suit is the climax of a break in the ranks of the membership, which threatened to dissolve the association and a general clamor to sell tobacco, while the officials contended to hold in pool. It is alleged that the association officials have been pledging the pooled tobacco for large sums of money and loaning it to the farmers at the notorious rate of 8 per cent interest, and the plaintiffs seek to recover fully \$25,000 interest. The startling charge is made that the officials have been selling to their agents in Paducah, tobacco for under the market value, thus permitting speculation and causing irreparable loss to the members.

BRYAN BUYS TEXAS FARM

Will Plant It in Oranges, Figs, Bananas and Pecans.

Brownsville, Texas.—W. J. Bryan returned from his hunting trip to Mexico, arriving at Hidalgo, Texas, Tuesday afternoon, going from there to Mission, Texas. While there he purchased 160 acres of land from John J. Conway, which he will have cleared at once. It is Mr. Bryan's intention to plant his farm at Mission in oranges, figs, bananas and pecans.

Mr. Bryan, accompanied by Mrs. Bryan, were met at the depot by a vast crowd. It was with difficulty that the local military company forced a passage for Mr. and Mrs. Bryan to the carriage which was in waiting for them.

After a reception Mr. Bryan addressed the largest audience ever assembled in the Rio Grande valley. The Third regiment band of Mexico greeted them as the train came in. They will spend several days on La Plata ranch before leaving the valley.

To Prison For Lid Lifting.

Columbus, Ga.—Alex Reid, proprietor of the Rankin Hotel, was fined \$750 or one year at hard labor for violation of the prohibition laws. The jury in rendering its verdict said the offense was technical.

"Near Beer" Wins.

Atlanta, Ga.—The question of the legality of Atlanta's near-beer saloons was thrown out of court on a technicality when W. L. Bridwell, a near-beer dealer, was discharged from custody in the Superior Court. Bridwell was arrested, charged with selling near-beer, which, under the law, is to contain not over 2 per cent of alcohol. The criminal court decided that such sale was a violation of these laws. On appeal the Superior Court decided that this verdict was illegal because it had not been read in open court.

Kentucky Gleanings

Most Important News Gathered from All Parts of the State.

OHIO SYSTEM

Of State Auditing May Be Copied By Kentucky Officials.

Frankfort, Ky.—State Inspector M. H. Thatcher is studying the systems of accounting in Ohio, New York, Illinois, Arizona, Wyoming and Oklahoma, with a view of recommending to Gov. Wilson a new system of accounting for Kentucky. In the meantime, he has suggested to the governor that Treasurer Farley send out all state checks.

The system to be recommended will be as far as practicable in Kentucky one that will not only cover the state accounts, but also those of every county and municipality in the state.

Examiner Thatcher is continuing the examination of vouchers of the auditor's office during the term of Auditor Haiger and the time that Judge Hoop was a clerk in the office.

DR. COLLIER CHOSEN

As Head of New Committee of Democracy at Louisville.

Louisville, Ky.—Dr. John R. Collier, formerly of Simpson county, but for 10 years a citizen here, was placed at the head of the democratic committee of Louisville and Jefferson county.

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PRESIDENT TO CONGRESS

Message Read to Both Houses of National Assembly

LEGISLATION CALLED FOR

Financial Standing of the Nation Declared Excellent—Control of Corporations, the President Thinks, Should Be Left to the National Government—Labor Leaders Come In for Criticism—Respect for Law Vital to the Well-Being of Country.

Washington.—The message of President Roosevelt was read in both houses of congress Thursday. In substance the document was as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives: The financial standing of the nation at the present time is excellent, and the financial management of the nation's interests by this government during the last seven years has shown the most satisfactory results. But our currency system is imperfect, and it is earnestly to be hoped that the currency commission will be able to propose a thorough good system which will do away with the existing defects.

During the period from July 1, 1901, to September 30, 1908, there was an increase in the amount of money in circulation of \$1,391,390. The increase in the per capita during this period was \$5.06. Within this time there were several occasions when it was necessary for the treasury department to come to the relief of the money market by purchases or redemption of United States bonds; by increasing deposits in national banks; by stimulating additional issues of national bank notes and by facilitating importations from abroad of gold. Our imperfect currency system has made these proceedings necessary and they were effective until the monetary disturbance in the fall of 1907 immensely increased the difficulty of ordinary methods of relief. By the middle of November the available working balance in the treasury had been reduced to approximately \$300,000. Clearing house associations throughout the country had been called to resort to the expedient of issuing clearing house bills to be used as money. In this emergency it was determined to invite under options for \$60,000,000 Panama canal bonds and \$100,000,000 three per cent certificates of indebtedness authorized by the act of June 12, 1906. It was proposed to redeem in the national banks the proceeds of these issues, and to permit their use as a basis for additional circulating notes of national banks. The moral effect of this procedure was so great that it was necessary to issue only \$20,000 of the Panama bonds and \$15,000 of the certificates of indebtedness.

During the period from July 1, 1901, to September 30, 1908, the balance between the net ordinary receipts and the net ordinary expenses of the government showed a surplus in the four years 1902, 1903, 1904, and 1907, and a deficit in the years 1901, 1905, 1906, and a fractional part of the fiscal year 1908. The net result was a surplus of \$6,233,415.4. The financial operations of the government during this period, based upon these differences between receipts and expenditures, resulted in a net reduction of the interest-bearing debt of the United States from \$61,000,000 to \$57,233,900, notwithstanding that there had been two sales of Panama canal bonds amounting in the aggregate to \$14,513,000, and an issue of three per cent certificates of indebtedness under the act of June 12, 1906, amounting to \$14,500. Redundant operations of the treasury department under the act of March 14, 1906, resulted in the conversion into two per cent consols of \$900 of \$50,000 bonds bearing higher rates of interest. A decrease of \$5,637,566 in the annual interest charge resulted from these operations.

In short, during the seven years and three months there has been a net surplus of nearly one hundred millions of receipts over expenditures, a reduction of the interest bearing debt by ninety millions in spite of the extraordinary expense of the Panama canal, and a saving of nearly nine millions on the annual interest charge.

Control of Corporations.

As regards the great corporations engaged in interstate business, and especially the railroads, I can only repeat what I have said again and again said to my message to the congress. I believe that under the interstate clause of the constitution the United States has ample and paramount right to control all the agencies of interstate commerce, and I believe that the national government alone can exercise this right with wisdom and effectiveness as well as both to ensure justice from, and to do justice to, the great corporations which are the most important factors in modern business. I believe that it is worse than folly to attempt to prohibit all combinations as is done by the Sherman law, trust law, because such a law can be enforced only imperfectly and equally and its enforcement works as much hardship as good. I strongly advise that instead of an unsuccessful effort to prohibit all combinations, there shall be substituted a law which shall expressly permit combinations which are in the interest of the public, but still at the same time give to some safety in the national government full power of control and supervision over them. One of the chief features of this control should be securing entire publicity in all matters which the public has a right to know, and furthermore, the power not by judicial but by executive action, to prevent or put a stop to every kind of improper favoritism or other wrongdoing.

The railroads of the country should be completely under the Interstate Commerce Commission and removed from the domain of the anti-trust law. The power of the commission should be made thoroughly, so that it could exercise complete supervision and control over the base of securities as well as over the raising and lowering of rates. As regards rates, at least, this power should be summary.

Rates must be made as low as is compatible with giving proper returns to all the employees of the railroads, from the highest to the lowest, but they must not, for instance, be reduced in such fashion as to necessitate a cut in the wages of the employees or the abolition of the proper and legitimate profits of honest shareholders.

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It is very earnestly to be wished that our people, through their representatives, should act in this matter. It is to the interest of all of us that there should be a premium put upon individual initiative and individual ca-

pacity, and an ample reward for the great directing intelligences alone competent to manage the great business operations of to-day. It is well to keep in mind that exactly as the anarchist is the worst enemy of liberty and the reactionary the worst enemy of order, so the men who defend the rights of property have most to fear from the wrongdoers of great wealth, and the men who are championing popular rights have most to fear from the demagogues who in the name of popular rights would do wrong to and oppress honest business men, honest men of wealth, for the success of either type of wrongdoing necessarily involves a violent reaction against the cause the wrongdoer nominally upholds.

Need of Centralization.

The proposal to make the national government supreme over, and therefore to give it complete control over the railroads and other instruments of interstate commerce is merely a proposal to carry out to the letter one of the prime purposes, if not the prime purpose, for which the constitution was founded. It does not represent centralization. It represents merely the acknowledgment of the patent fact that centralization has already come in business. If this irresponsible outside business power is to be controlled in the interest of the general public it can only be controlled in one way, by giving adequate power of control in the one sovereignty capable of exercising such power—the national government. To abandon the effort for national control in order to abandon the effort for all adequate control and yet to render likely continual bursts of action by state legislatures, which cannot achieve the purpose sought for, but which can do a great deal of damage to the corporation without conferring any real benefit on the public.

There should be regulation by the national government of the great interstate corporations, including a simple method of account keeping, publicity, supervision of the issue of securities, abolition of rebates and of special privileges. There should be short-time franchises for all corporations engaged in public business, including the corporations which get power from water rights. There should be national as well as state guardianship of mines and forests. The labor legislation hereinafter referred to should consequently be enacted into law.

To accomplish this, means a certain increase in the use—not the creation of power, by the central government. The power already exists. It does not have to be created. The only question is whether it shall be used or left idle.

Meanwhile the corporations over which the power ought to be exercised will not remain idle. The danger to American democracy lies not in the loss in the concentration of administrative power in irresponsible accountable hands. It lies in having the power insufficiently concentrated, so that no one can be held responsible to the people for its use. Concentrated power is palpable, visible, responsible, easily reached, quickly held to account. Democracy is in peril wherever the administration of political power is scattered among a variety of men who work in secret, whose names are unknown to the common people. It is not in peril from one man who derives authority from the people, and who is in sight of the people, and who is from time to time compelled to give an account of his exercise to the people.

Legislation for Wageworker.

There are many matters affecting labor and the status of the wageworker to which I should like to draw your attention, but an exhaustive discussion of the problem in all its aspects is not now necessary. I believe in a steady effort, or perhaps it would be more accurate to say in steady efforts in many different directions, to bring about a condition of affairs under which the men who work with hand or with brain, the laborers, the superintendents, the men who produce the market and the men who find a market for the articles produced, shall own a far greater share than at present of the wealth they produce, and be enabled to invest it in the tools and instruments by which all work is carried on. As far as possible I hope to see a frank recognition of the advantages conferred by machinery, organization and division of labor, accompanied by an effort to bring about a larger share in the ownership by wage-worker of railyards, mill and factory.

Postal Savings Banks will make it easy for the poorest to keep their savings in absolute safety. The regulation of the national highways must be such that they shall serve all people with equal justice. Corporate finances must be supervised so as to make it far safer at present for the man of small means to invest his money in stocks. There must be prohibition of child labor, diminution of women labor, shortening of hours of all mechanical labor; stock watering should be prohibited, and stock gambling so far as is possible discouraged. There should be a progressive inheritance tax on large fortunes. Industrial education should be encouraged. As far as possible we should lighten the burden of taxation on the small man. We should put a premium upon thrift, hard work, and business energy; but these qualities cease to be the main factor in securing a fortune long before that fortune reaches a point where it would be seriously affected by any inheritance tax such as I propose. It is evidently right that the nation should fix the terms upon which the great fortunes are inherited. They rarely do good and they often do harm to those who inherit them in their entirety.

There should no longer be any paltering with the question of taking care of the wageworkers who, under our present industrial system, become killed, crippled, or worn out as part of the regular incidents of a given business.

At far as concerns those who have been worn out, I call your attention to the fact that the definite steps toward providing old-age pensions have been taken in many of our private industries. These may be indefinitely extended through voluntary association and contributory schemes, or through the agency of savings banks, as under the Massachusetts plan.

Urgent Need of Reform.

Our present system, or rather no system, works dreadful wrong, and is of benefit to only one class of people—the lawyers. When a workman is injured what he needs is not an expensive and doubtful lawsuit, but the certainty of relief through immediate administrative action. No academic theory about "freedom of contract" or "constitutional liberty to contract" should be permitted to interfere with this and similar movements.

Pending a thoroughgoing investigation and action there is certain legislation which should be enacted at once. The law, passed at the last session of the congress, granting compensation to certain classes of employees of the government, should be extended to include all employees of the government and should be made more liberal in its terms. There is no good ground for the distinction made in the law between those engaged in hazardous occupations and those not so engaged. The terms of the act providing compensation should be made more liberal than in the present act.

The power of the commission should be made more compatible with giving proper returns to all the employees of the railroads, from the highest to the lowest, but they must not, for instance, be reduced in such fashion as to necessitate a cut in the wages of the employees or the abolition of the proper and legitimate profits of honest shareholders.

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pacities, in this respect the generosity of the United States towards its employees compares most unfavorably with that of every country in Europe—even the poorest.

I renew my recommendation made in a previous message that half-holidays be granted during summer to all wage-workers in government employ. I also renew my recommendation that the principle of the eight-hour day should be rapidly and as far as practicable be extended to the entire work being carried on by the government; the present law should be amended to embrace contracts on those public works which the present wording of the act seems to exclude.

Would Double Salaries of Judges.

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For many of the shortcomings of Justice in our country our people as a whole are themselves to blame, and the judges and jurists merely bear their share together with the public as a whole. It is discreditable to us as a people that there should be difficulty in convicting murderers, or in bringing to justice men who are public servants. It is not uplifting the dignity of the nation that the most honored of public servants should be paid sums so small compared to what they would earn in private life that the performance of public service by them implies an exceedingly heavy pecuniary sacrifice.

It is earnestly to be desired that some method should be devised for doing away with the long delays which now obtain in the administration of justice, and which operate with peculiar severity against persons of small means, and favor only the very criminals whom it is most desirable to punish. These long delays in the final decisions of cases make in the aggregate a crying evil; and a remedy should be devised. Much of this intolerable delay is due to improper regard paid to technicalities which are a mere hindrance to justice. In some noted recent cases this over-regard for technicalities has resulted in a striking denial of justice, and flagrant wrong to the body politic.

Labor Leaders Criticised.

At the last election certain leaders of organized labor made a violent and sweeping attack upon the entire judiciary of the country, as after a coup d'etat in such terms as to include the most upright, honest, and broad-minded judges, no less than those of narrower mind and more restricted outlook. Last year, before the house committee on judiciary, these same labor leaders formulated their demands, specifying the bill that contained them, refusing all compromise, stating that they wished the principle of that bill or nothing. They insisted on a provision that in a labor dispute no injunction should issue except to protect a property right, and specifically provided that the right to carry on business should not be construed as a property right, and in a second provision any act or agreement by or between two or more persons that would not have been unlawful if done by a single person. In other words, this bill legalizes blacklisting and, boycotting in every form, legalizing, for instance, those forms of the secondary boycott which the anthracite coal strike commission so unreservedly condemned; while the right to carry on a business was explicitly taken out from under that protection which the law throws over property. The demand was made that there should be trial by jury in contempt cases, thereby most seriously impairing the authority of the courts. All this represented a course of policy which, if carried out, would mean the entronement of class privilege in its crudest and most brutal form, and the destruction of one of the most essential functions of the judiciary in all civilized lands.

The violence of the crusade for this legislation, and its complete failure, illustrate two truths which it is essential our people should learn. In the first place, they ought to teach the workingmen, the laborers, the wageworker, that by demanding what is impossible and impossible to be put into the hands of his friends, such a crude and vicious attack upon the courts, even if it were temporarily successful, would inevitably in the end cause a violent reaction and would hand the great mass of citizens together, forcing them to stand by all the judges, competent and incompetent alike, rather than to leave the wheels of justice stopped.

Respect for Law Must Be Upheld.

The courts hold a place of peculiar and deserved sanctity under our form of government. Respect for the law is essential to the permanence of our institutions, and respect for the law is surely conditioned upon respect for the law itself. In an offense against the republic to any extent which can make this respect, such as for the gravest treason and in the most carefully guarded manner. In no other nation in the world do the courts wield such vast and far-reaching power as in the United States. All that is necessary is that the courts as a whole should exercise this power with the far-sighted wisdom already shown by those judges who view the future while they act in the present. Let them exercise this great power not only honestly and bravely, but with wise insight into the needs and fixed purposes of the people, so that they may do justice, and work equity, so that they may protect all persons in their rights, and yet break down the barriers of privilege, which is the foe of right.

Judicial System Sound.

Our judicial system is sound and effective at core, and it remains, and must ever be maintained, as the safeguard of those principles of liberty and justice which stand at the foundation of American institutions, for, as Burke finely said, when liberty and justice are separated, neither is safe. There are, however, some members of the judicial body who have lagged behind in their understanding of these great and vital changes in the body politic, whose minds have never been opened to the new applications of the old principles made necessary by the new conditions. Judges of this stamp do damage by their decisions, because they confine poor men in need of protection that the courts of the land are fondly ignorant of and out of sympathy with them, and professedly ignorant such honorees as are grouped around them. To such men it seems cruel mockery to have any court decide against them on the ground that it desires to preserve "liberty" in a purely technical form, by withholding liberty in any real and constructive sense.

There are certain decisions by various courts which have been exceedingly detrimental to the rights of wage-workers. This is true of all decisions that decide that men are, by the constitution, "guaranteed their liberty" to contract to enter dangerous occupations or to work an undesirable or improper number of hours, or to work in unhealthy surroundings; and therefore cannot recover damages when maimed in that occupation, and cannot be forbidden to work what the legislature decides is to be unhealthy. Decisions such as those nullify the legislative effort to protect the wage-workers who most need protection from those employers who take advantage of their grinding need. They halt or hamper the movement for securing better and more equitable conditions of labor.

There is also, I think, ground for the belief that substantial injustice is often suffered by employees in consequence of the customs of courts issuing temporary injunctions without notice to them, and punishing them for contempt of court in instances where, as a matter of fact, they have no knowledge of any proceeding.

Organized labor is chasing under the unjust restraint which comes from repeated resort to this plan of procedure. Its discontent has been unwisely expressed, and often improperly expressed, but there is a sound basis for it, and the orderly and law-abiding people of the community would be in a far stronger position for securing better and more equitable conditions of labor.

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Hardly Probable.

Our friend the Hickman Courier, in its last issue, says there is likely to be a recount demanded of the ballots cast in the recent county primary held to nominate Democratic candidates for county offices. It claims that over 300 more votes were polled in the sheriff's race than were cast for Bryan for president. This contention may be true but under the party laws we do not believe the committee recently elected have any right at this late day to go into the boxes at all, unless so ordered to do by some court procedure. And we do not even believe the courts have a right to interfere.

The party law passed at the recent state convention says on this subject: "In case of the contests arising from primary elections held to nominate candidates for county offices, the county central committee trying such contests, shall, upon application in writing, of not less than ten per cent of the Democratic voters participating in such primary in one precinct open the ballot box, used in such precinct and count ballots therein in order that any fraud, or error practiced by the election officers, may be discovered and corrected; and the count made by the committee shall take the place of the count made by the precinct election officers."

Such application to be made within ten days after such election.—Fulton Leader.

Last Sunday was a big day at Sassafras Ridge along religious lines. The Baptist people had an all-day service, in which nine preachers from Martin, Tenn., participated. Each minister was given thirty minutes for his address, all of which were upon different subjects and very interesting. The big-hearted folks of that community took baskets with them and had both dinner and supper "on the grounds."

Rev. King, the local pastor of that church, had the services in charge, and with the assistance of his congregation, made the occasion one of the most entertaining and profitable ever pulled off at the Ridge.

The farmer with his potatoes and his apples, the miller with his flour and meal, the hardware man with his nails, the cement manufacturer, and the many other users of the faithful slack barrel, that combination of staves, hoops and heading, which is not intended to hold water or something stronger in fluid form, used forest products last year having the enormous value of \$15,800, 253.

W. H. Provost and family left last Friday for Mound City, Ills., where they have purchased a hotel.

ALL SORTS

Fifteen days 'till Christmas. The "Lyric" Mooday night. Good crowd in town Saturday. Clarence Henry is able to be up again. Kodaks for Christmas.—Helm & Ellison. Ribbon Cane Molasses at Betterson & Prather's.

R. B. Scarce and Gordon Rice are over from Cayce, Saturday.

H. Pollock is contemplating the action of another residence in Hickman.

A. S. Barkett, in West Hickman, pay the highest market price for all kinds.

Joe Mangrum, one of Moscow's substantial citizens, was in Hickman business Saturday.

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Duroc, four months old.—W. C. Ball, Route 1, Hickman. 3tp

Mr. Hughes returned Saturday from Martin, Tenn., where he has been the guest of his daughter.

W. C. Johnston, of route 4, orders Courier sent to his son, Jno. W. Weston, at Grants Pass, Oregon, one year.

The week of Dec. 14th, Mr. and Mrs. Murry will play "The Country Girl" at the Lyric in this city. There are six people in the troupe.

Betterson & Prather have just received a shipment of the celebrated Ribbon Cane Molasses, right from Indiana. Call for the brand and you will use no other.

P. G. Nichols, formerly a resident of Hickman and agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Co., was found guilty last week at Marion, Ark., of murder in the first degree. He was charged with the murder of a young man named Smith. The public is said to have been caused by a woman.

Do We Fill Prescriptions?

Lots of them every day

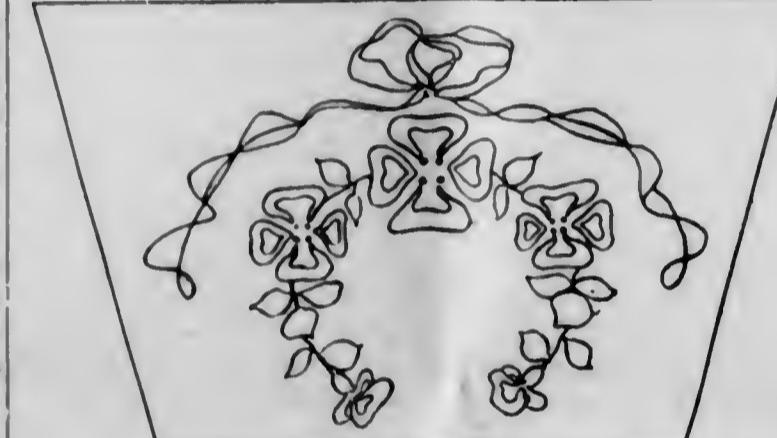
CORRECTLY!

With the PUREST drugs obtainable. Our charges for them are as reasonable as any druggist in the United States.

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Pretty Christmas Gift



NOVEL work bag that will make a very pretty and acceptable Christmas present is shown in the accompanying sketch. It is a handy little thing, for the needlebook is attached to the bag, so one does not have to hunt among the spoils inside for the needlebook. It is a simple matter to make the bag, and it requires only a scrap of material. Cut a strip of silk 22 inches long and nine inches wide. Fold the short edges together and make a small French seam up the long sides. Fold back two inches and make a two-inch heading, with a half-inch space below to run the ribbon through. This heading is made as it is in any bag gather across the lower edge of the bag where the needlebook will be sewn on.

To make the needlebook, cut two pieces of linen 5½ inches by 4½ inches. Transfer the design in the illustration to the linen by means of a piece of carbon paper. Be sure to lay the design on across the long side of the linen. Cut two pieces of pasteboard exactly the size and shape indicated on the page where the design is drawn, and cover these with the linen.

Care should be taken in placing the linen on the pasteboard to see that the design is straight. Turn the edges of the linen over the pasteboard very neatly and sew back and forth from one edge of the linen to the edge opposite. Sew on the ribbon and then line each cover with a piece of silk.

Cut two pieces of flannel one-half inch smaller than the covers and overhand the covers and flannel together. Then overband the needlebook on the bag.

A very pretty color scheme is to have the bag and needlebook lining of



blue silk; the cover of white linen, and blue satin ribbons. The embroidery is effectively done as follows:

Flowers, pink.
Centers of flowers, white silk dots.
Leaves and stems, green.
Bow knot, blue.

Calendars for Christmas Gifts.

Calendars always make acceptable gifts. Embroidered calendars in the Dutch boy and girl design are extremely popular and effective worked out in the delft blues. Or, if desired, they may be painted on cardboard instead and tiny penny calendars neatly tacked on. They may be secured stamped at any of the fancy-work stores or departments. A pretty idea is to have a sofa pillow and tie rack to match.

If you wish to have your prescriptions filled quickly and accurately take them to

Cowgill's Drug Store

where you may get your Drug wants at any hour

DAY OR NIGHT

Cowgill's Drug Store
(Incorporated)

Mother of Mrs. Speight Dead.

Mrs. A. J. Whipple, mother of Mrs. R. H. Speight, of route 1, died Saturday night, at her home in Bandana, Ky., of a complication of diseases.

Deceased was 57 years of age, and was born and reared in Obion county, Tenn., and was well known to many of our older readers. She was a good Christian woman, and had been a member of the Presbyterian church many years.

The remains were interred Sunday at Mt. Pleasant, near the old Whipple home, Rev. Brassfield conducting the funeral services. Besides her daughter, she is survived by her husband and seven sons.

The Courier extends sympathy to the sorrowing relatives and friends.

Notice to Advertisers.

Next week the Courier will go to press on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, which will be our last issue until Dec. 31st.

In accordance with our custom, no paper will be issued Christmas week—neither any job work done.

We respectfully ask our advertisers, who desire to avail themselves of the last opportunity to reach our readers with their holiday announcements, to get their copy to us not later than Tuesday morning, the 15th. Otherwise, we cannot insure its publication. The earlier the better.

See our line of fountain pens. Nothing more appropriate for a Christmas gift.—Helm & Ellison.

We make a specialty of cleaning and pressing Ladies' skirts. Thredkeld & Schmidt—over Rice's Shoe Store.

..Christmas Cigars..

.Finest Line in the City.

Popular brands; such as

"Little Chancelor"
"Little Continental"
"Tarita," &c.—25 to the box

"La Preferencia" Most popular of all the 10c cigars, in small boxes, 25 to the box

If you want the BEST, let us sell you.

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New Survey of County Line.

By agreement with the county courts of Fulton County and Obion County at a recent date a new survey was made of the county lines between Fulton and Jordan, the survey being made from the foot of the overhead bridge in west Fulton to a dock west of Jordan station. The line has long been in dispute and numbers of persons on both sides of the road claimed the right to move their fences into the road at different places where they affirmed their lines ran.

Monroe Golden was the surveyor representing Obion County while Robert McConnell represented Fulton county. A new line entirely was established. A number of residents were shown to be over the line and were forced to move back by order of the county courts. The result of the new survey will bring satisfaction to both counties and will settle disputes of many years standing.

The city council at its meeting Monday night passed the "cow law" to cover the entire city. This means that all cows found running at large in the city will be taken up and impounded. It costs from 75c up to get a cow out of the pound.

From now until after the holidays, there will be an extra man on the Hickman police force. Sid Hamby will play the part. Mr. Ballard has been detailed to look after West Hickman and Hamby will assist Dillon with Old and East Hickman.

While passing through a stall, a mule ran over E. C. Carter last week and dislocated his shoulder and fractured the bone. His injury is very painful, but is slowly improving.

Hickman Lodge 761 F. & A. M.

Hickman Lodge No. 761, F. & A. M., will meet in regular communication next Monday night at 7:30. Visiting brothers cordially invited.

C. P. SHUMATE, Master.
H. N. COWGILL, Sec'y.

Work in F. C. Degrees.

The infant child of Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Hendricks, of Fulton, died last Saturday.

Pharmacy is an exacting Science

so with new discoveries, new remedies and new ideas the modern druggist must be up-to-date. This is a thoroughly modern store—an example of all that is latest and best in scientific pharmacy.

You who want to feel secure, have good a reason in bringing your prescriptions here

Helm & Ellison

Death of Good Citizen.

T. H. Park, a good man and a useful citizen, has passed away. Mr. Park died Monday at the home of his son, George, near Antioch, aged 66 years and 6 months. This venerable citizen was a veteran of the Southern Confederacy, a gallant member of the Thirty-third Tennessee. He was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Douglas and his second a Calhoun, who has been dead some years. Mr. Park leaves one son only with whom he spent his declining years.

With the departure from Manilla, December 1, of the American battleship fleet, under the command of Rear Admiral Sperry, the sixteen vessels that are making such a remarkable round-the-world voyage, turn their prows definitely for home waters. They have been gone from Hampton Roads nearly a year.

A man charged with trying to confiscate two barrels of bottled whisky was in town Saturday afternoon, and Marshal Pardue attempted to arrest him. The fellow ran and one or two shots were fired at him by the officer but he escaped. The whisky was shipped here to one of our citizens, otherwise it might have been delivered without suspicion.—Union City Commercial.

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Heard On the Streets

Order the Courier today.

Merchandise for Christmas gifts.

"Bostonian" shoes for men at Millet & Naylor's.

Laundry leaves Tuesday and returns Friday.—H. E. Culin.

About the silliest object we see is the young fellow who is pretending to be a Dead Game Sport.

If you need a suit, overcoat or trousers, see the International line of samples at Millet & Naylor's.

FOR SALE—Nice through bred Bronze turkeys—Toms \$3, hens \$2.—Mrs. Geo. L. White, Cayce, Ky.

Alexander the Great conquered the world but he didn't make as much out of it as Mr. Rockfeller has made.

An ordinance was introduced at the last meeting of the council to make it a fine of \$50 to sell blank cartridge pistols in the city of Hickman.

Dr. S. K. Davidson and wife, who have been located in Hickman for some time, are now in the city on First street at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sacra.—Union City Commercial.

C. M. Yates will have a new shingle mill ready for operation this week. It is located near Floating Bridge. That's not all—C. M. makes the best cypress dimension shingles turned out in this neck of the woods.

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THE STORE OF Greatest Bargains



THIS STORE has always been the home of the greatest bargains in everything to furnish a home, and we do not intend to lose that reputation, no matter what it may cost. We will always have something to offer you in house furnishings that will be a wonder and a surprise—a wonder because you cannot see how we can sell Furniture at such remarkably low prices—and a surprise at the quality of the goods.



Our idea has always been and will be—NOT ALONE HOW CHEAP, BUT WHAT GOOD FURNITURE WE CAN OFFER YOU.

We do not believe there is any one housekeeper in Hickman who would not enjoy a comfortable rocker for Christmas. Therefore from a utility standpoint, a rocker is one of the safest and most acceptable presents one could possibly give.

Our assortment of rockers both large and small, is more complete just now than at any other time of the year and we suggest early purchasing for desirable selections.

Rockers \$1.00 to \$25.00

We have a very large line of Chiffoniers, Princess Dressers, Wardrobes and other bedroom furniture, Sideboards, China Closets, Buffets, and complete dining room outfit, all to match.

All goods stored and delivered on the 25th if desired.

Unusual preparations have been made to meet the requirements of everybody from the simplest little gift to one of more importance, with plenty of suggestions for everyone.



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HICKMAN, KY.

PHONE No. 20

..Holiday Gifts..



J. B. Dodds

A Peck Suit	\$10 to 22½
An Overcoat	\$5 to 16½
A Cravat	10 to 18½
Pair Trousers	1.50 to 5
Fancy Vest	1.25 to 5
Pair Eclipse Shoes	3.50 to 5
Pair Hanan Shoes	4.98
Pair Hunting Boots	3 to 7½
House Slippers	1.50 to 1.75
A Hawes Hat	3.00
A Stetson Hat	4.00
1/2doz Lion Shirts	1 to 1½ ea
Pair Wool Shirts	\$1 to 3 ea
Coat Sweater	2.50
Regular Sweater	.50c to \$3
2 suits Underwear	.50c to 2
Bath Robe	\$.50
Pair Bath Slippers	.50c
Box Fancy Sox	1.50
Doz. Linen Hdks.	1.50 to 3
Silk Handkerchief	.50c
Silk Muffler	.75c to 1.50
Wool Muffler	.50c
Pair Dress Gloves	1¼ to 1½
Pair Driving Gloves	.50c to 2
Pair Work Gloves	.50c to 1.75
Suit Case	\$.10 to \$15
Traveling Bag	1.50 to 8.50
Nice Trunk	2.50 to \$15
Steamer Trunk	\$5 to 7.50
An Umbrella	\$.10 to 8.50



Baltzer & Dodds D. G. Co.

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Love And War.

All hostilities were brought to a happy close Sunday in the night riding district of Reelfoot Lake. Dan Cupid's flag was flaunted to the breeze from the flagstaff of Camp Rogan and the little lovegod reigned supreme as Private I. B. Frogge, Company I, Nashville, and Miss Della Smith, daughter of J. F. Smith, a prosperous farmer living near Samburg, were united in marriage with all the pomp and dignity of a full military field wedding. After the ceremony the happy couple were the guests of honor at an elaborate post Thanksgiving Day dinner, served to the soldier boys on the lake by the good ladies of Tiptonville at high noon.

Warfare and romance have walked hand in hand for forty days or more in the lake district, and no more fitting climax could be imagined than that effected Sunday in the wedding of Private Frogge to Miss Smith.

The dainty little bride was given away by her father, while Capt. Rogan and Capt. B. G. Dunnivant of the hospital corps acted as the groom's aides-de-camp for the time being. The surrounding square of soldiers brought their rifles up to present in a military salute for the bride and groom and at the word from their commanding officer vented their feelings in three rousing cheers and a tiger.

Full fifty ladies from Tiptonville and their escorts witnessed the impressive ceremony. It is the first of the campaign and was replete with interest from start to finish. The Tiptonville ladies had arranged the most beautiful meal to which the lake detachment has sat down since they left their homes, and full justice was done.

The absurdity of holding primary elections a year or more in advance of the regular election has been demonstrated in Scott county where the recent nominee for county Judge is dead and the candidate for county attorney is not expected to recover. It will be necessary to hold another primary election in Scott county. The same thing is liable to occur in several other counties and the early primary ought to be stopped.—Elizabethtown News.

A Christmas dinner-table with a bunch of flowers is considered more attractive. Postma, the florist, of Union City, sells them. Give him your orders at once.

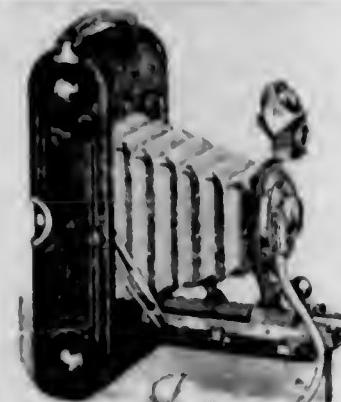
The Clinton Gazette, one of the best local papers in the State, completed its seventh year of usefulness last week. Whatever else may be said of Bro. Walker, he is publishing a clean, spicy local paper. Here's our best wishes, Walker, for the continuation of your merited success.

Cowgill Rogers was here Cairo, Ills., first of the week in visiting relatives.

Ribbon Cane Molasses at the farm in Louisiana is worth & Prather's.

J. E. Johnston has been a sick man for several days. He has been threatened with pneumonia.

Willie Tidwell and Miss Palmer, of Obion county, left Union City Sunday and were met by Squire Sacra.



Kodak
for Christmas!

Everybody likes pictures of the persons and things he is interested in.

And anybody can make a good picture with a Kodak.

Kodaks, Premos And Brownie Cameras

\$1.00 to \$20.00

We also have a department for finishing pictures, on short notice and at a reasonable price, in case you do not care to do your own finishing. Yes, we carry a full line of supplies.

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Tel. No. 4 for groceries.

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The same man who falls all over himself picking up a young woman's handkerchief before marriage, will let her get down on her hands and knees and search three minutes for his shirt stud three months after the wedding.

A mirror should never be hung where it will be in the direct rays of the sun or exposed to any intense heat of a fire or stove. Both these conditions have a most disastrous effect on the mercury, and in time will completely spoil the mirror.

Let us stand by Santa Claus and the Christmas giving. He has made the world brighter and better and happier. His work is not yet done. As long as there is a poor lonely heart anywhere in the world; as long as there is a man or woman who needs to be cheered up, as long as there are boys and girls to love, so long will there be something for this Saint of the Big heart to do.

Mr. Jas. W. Hooper, for 19 years on the editorial staff of the Courier-Journal, is broken down in health and gradually declining. He has been confined to his bed for the last three months. He is 69 years old. He is a literary man of rare ability, and is widely known to the newspaper fraternity, having at one time been president of the Kentucky Press Association. He has always been an active Mason and is regarded as an authority on Masonic law. He is a past grand master of Kentucky.

It is a good thing that scientists are not superstitious, otherwise they might see in the sudden death of Prof. Maurice Loewy, late director of the Astronomical Observatory, Paris, a sign that the heavens are determined to defend themselves against the curiosity of mortals. It is a curious coincidence that four successive directors, Dalsunay, Admiral Machez, Tisserand and Loewy, each suddenly dropped dead at their ordinary occupations. Furthermore, in the last quarter of a century, every member of the staff of this observatory when he died did so suddenly. The fact that Tropoid, of the Algiers Observatory, and Perrotin, at Nice, recently met the same sudden death seems to point to the fact that the tension of observation is conducive to it.

A PENSION.

Subscriber—Why is it you print so little local news? Your paper is filled with telegraphic stuff always.

Impenurious Editor—Well, you we get that all on tick.

IN FRESH COLDS Tar-Pine

Is a most successful remedy breaking up a cough in a few hours. At night it renders breathing easy and you get restful sleep.

Novelties for Christmas Presents



ily. An effect of plumage is obtained by using dark water colors, marking all over the body.

Jewel Cabinet.

An ingenious little article is a jewel basket, made of a square box. fitted with pill box drawers, each having a passe partout rug for a handle. It is



covered with pink or blue silk and is a dainty accessory for a dressing table.

Snap-Shot Album.

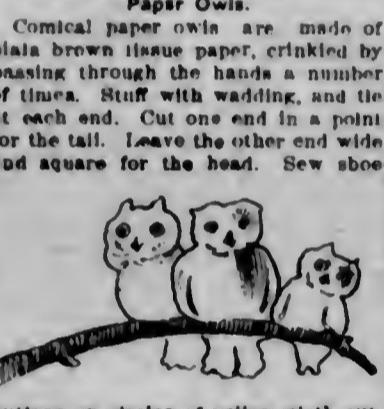
This is made of heavy gray paper, with covers of gray cardboard or oil



soft leather. It may be ornamented with any suitable quotation.

Box for Ball of Twine.

Twine holders are circular boxes covered with leather or linen, in deep colors. Little match boxes that are very charming for men's tables are made of the ordinary match boxes that



Buttons on circles of yellow cloth outlined with black, for eyes. Attach the owls to a twig. Made in three sizes, the birds look like a little velvet book.

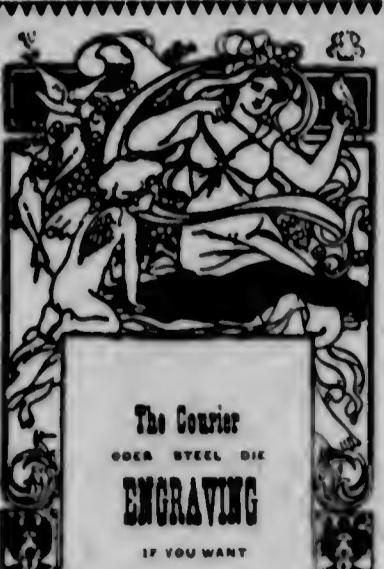


Come by the dozen, with a piece of stiffened velvet and a little gold paint along the edges, folded about it and glued in place to represent a little velvet book.

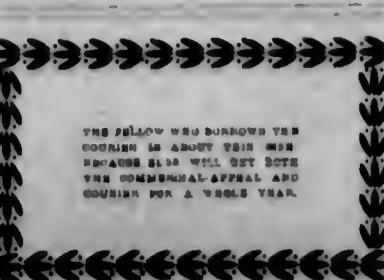
Huyler's Christmas Candies

Are now on display at our store and if you want the best candy made you will have to select your box now. Your wife or sweetheart won't fully appreciate the Xmas season unless she has Huyler's candy

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Visiting Cards. Announcements. Wedding Invitations, Monograms. Stationery, Etc., see us.



Hearst's Lawlessness.

Mr. Hearst's exhibit of private letters in the late campaign has raised the question if a person who secures in any way private papers of another has legal right to make them public. "Bench and Bar," an authority on law, says "the literary property in a letter is well settled, neither the recipient nor any other person will be permitted to publish it without the writer's consent." Decisions in English and American courts are quoted to support this right, and also the right of the author of letters to enjoin their publication. There is a law that makes it a misdemeanor to take, without authority, a letter, telegram or thereof, or to publish such paper with the knowledge that it was obtained without authority.—New York Tribune.

Bible School Rally.

R. M. Hopkins, of Louisville, Ky., will hold a bible school rally at the Christian church, in this city, on Thursday, December 17th, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. All superintendents and bible school workers are cordially invited to attend these meetings.



To get a true conception of the great line of Holiday Goods we carry, a personal visit is advisable. We have spared neither time nor money to make our store the Mecca for Gift Seekers. We assure you in advance of your visit that every possible courtesy and attention will be paid to whether you buy or not. Our stock is too large and varied to enumerate, but we can please you in anything in

DIAMONDS, WATCHES, CLOCKS, CUT GLASS, SILVERWARE, NOVELTIES

You know whether or not articles in the above lines are appropriate, sensible and possess real merit.

Buying direct from the manufacturer, we save you the middle man's profit

Schlenker's Jewelry Store

Hickman, Kentucky

DRESSING THE CHRISTMAS TREE

An Occasion of Great Joy for Both Young and Old.

The happiest and most exciting time at Christmas for young and old is when the tree beams forth in all its glory and splendor. There is great pleasure for the elders in dressing it in its gayest raiment. If the full beauty is to be brought out it should be kept until night. It is said that 150,000 Christmas trees will be brought into the American market. Hemlock, cedar, pine and spruce are all good for the purpose. The base can be covered with cotton hattling sprinkled with diamond dust, and every branch may be laden down with the same artificial snow. Incandescent electric lights are becoming more popular each year as they are safer. However, many prefer the twinkling of the candles. Colored balls and tinsel are draped from every branch, and gayly dressed dolls and toys of all sorts sway in the air. Then there must be cornucopias of red and gold, filled with candy. The largest presents and mysterious packages can be heaped around the foot of the tree. Every package should be wrapped in white paper and tied with brilliant red ribbon. Many dollars are spent each year for elaborate decorations, but many attractive ornaments may be made at home, such as strings of popcorn, cranberries, gilded and silver nuts, paper flowers, etc., which all add to the splendor of the Christmas tree.

Doing Up the Gifts.
A new way of doing up gifts which will please all, and particularly delight the children, is to use white tissue paper for wrappers, and, instead of tying with ribbon, fasten the paper in place by using small seals over the edges where they are folded down. The seals come specially for the purpose and are decorated with tiny sprays of bolly. If you are sending off a Christmas box put a layer of white tissue paper or white cotton on top of the packages and over this sprigs of holly or mistletoe.

Last Children Make Cards.
Have a large box at hand to drop in pictures, fancy papers, scraps of ribbon, and so on, to give the children to make Christmas cards. You will be surprised at their ingenuity.

Chrysanthemums from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per dozen, from the biggest floral concern in Louisville, represented by Miss Frankye Reid.

Engraved cards and embossed stationery and cards of every description at this office.

Farms For Sale

For terms, location or other information call on or address The Hickman Courier

No. 21-160 acres Mississippi river bottom land, 8 miles below Hickman. Well fenced, five-room house, outhouses, etc., 40 acres in cultivation, rest timber. Raises from 80 to 100 bushels corn; 1,600 to 1,800 pounds cotton. A good investment.

No. 42-97 acres land, one mile south of Clayton. Good 4-room house, barn, shed and other out-buildings; good well and cistern. Fine young orchard. 1 mile from school house. Owner is anxious to sell and \$16 an acre will get it. Additional information on application.

No. 49-22-acre farm, well improved-6-room dwelling, 3 tenant houses, 2 large tobacco barns, 2 large stock barns. Fairbanks scales, out-buildings, 2 wells, spring, fenced and cross-fenced. Half mile to two churches half mile to school house, on rural route and telephone line and short distance from good markets. 20 acres in cultivation. An ideal farm. Adjoining land last year sold for \$65 per acre; this can be bought for \$10 less on the acre. A number of improvements in way of orchard, etc. If you want a bargain, ask for No. 49.

No. 89-Fine 40-acre stock farm, in Mississippi county, Mo., has four sets of houses on it, together with other improvements. 160 acres cleared, rest in timber. 300 acres protected by the new government levee. Owner is cutting five crops of alfalfa on this place each year, and the cotton and corn now growing will give you an idea of its fertility. Flows readily for \$3.50 an acre. Price very reasonable.

CITY PROPERTY:

No. 44-Nine choice lots in West Hickman, facing good residence street. Lots are 6x10 feet. Will sell one or all to one person. The price we can make you on this property will surprise you. Are you paying rent? Then, see us by all means. Information at the Courier office.

No. 45-This is a bargain lot of nice three room cottages, all located in West Hickman. At present they are bringing \$72 each per annum in rent. There are four of them, on large level lots, 60x100 feet. All front on good street, have cisterns, out-buildings, etc. Will sell separately or collectively; cash or part cash, at a price that will make your wear of paying rent. Our privilege of sale on this property is limited, and if interested, see us TODAY.

No. 46-This is a three-room residence in West Hickman. It is for sale and we can quote you a "sale price" on it. This is one of the best real estate propositions in this part of town. We had rather show them than tell you about it. Cash or small payment. Don't waste time unless interested. For either a home or investment it is worth more money than our price.

Holiness Church.
Sunday School every Sunday evening at 2 o'clock, and prayer meeting every Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Quaker oats—2 big boxes for Phone 38.

Hogwallow Happenings

If everybody was honest there would be very few things.

Miss Flutie Belcher will be writing the foregoing when she returns to town.

Girls, don't destroy your a-bo collars! They may be needed next season for the new Ford.

There will be a Ford Sunday. Ray laid the floor yesterday, though he had a hen's nest.

Some persons prefer to spend their money to spend after a dead.

In the struggle to get easy after you have say first million.

Oiling the typewriter does not help the mind work any better.

A girl is known by the she turns down.

Washington Hocks, office postmaster, has closed his office while his cow is very bad hollow-horn.

Tobe Mosely finished his pen today. It is built out of his old one, and he will rat holes tomorrow.

Dock Hocks let his buggy the pond too long this week. The tires got so tight the mule could not pull it.

Yam Yims has been very busy this week writing a letter to Gonodola Henstep, of Buzzard. The mail carrier will grease his good and depart with it morning.

The Hog Ford preacher is having a donation party to be given in his house Tuesday night.

Doesn't the inside of a train smell good the first time you ride?

Children are happy and because they are not in business themselves.—Hogwallow Kent

Christmas Candy Jacobs Candies

"Made last night"

None Better—few makes as good!



shipped to us on the 1st inst.

You will make a grievous mistake if you buy before inspecting our line.

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CHRISTMAS SURPRISE BASKETS



FILLED WITH SURPRISE

A CHIMNEY CENTRE PIECE

EVERYBODY loves a surprise gift, grown persons as well as children, so some and interesting surprise pieces have prepared to supplement the Christmas tree and its surprises. They are rare indeed, and more elaborate and costly than an equal number would be.

The prevailing motive in these decorations, and one attractive over which his miniature presides is a sleigh with glistening white snow behind each of which Santa Claus is seated. In the very snowball is stuck a sprig of holly, while nestling under it is a quiet gift, something or other something Christmas suitable for the recipient. Enclosed in a high, rounded handle of wood, and a broad satin ribbon shade is fastened on one side. This trimming done in gold and sentiment done in gold.

of the Christmas surprise seems to be to hide the identity as possible. The Jack in the box is reproduced by using a ball instead of a plum cake, and then concealing a gift person inside the snowball, a bit of white ribbon breaking the crust to show its hide. A mock Christmas pudding loses its effectiveness.

Plymouth Rock Chickens.

of a flock that has felled, full blooded, fine others. If you want a call and get prices, tele and year-olds.

JENNIE V. MCCLURE,
TROY AVENUE.

Get your Christmas candy & Elliston, you can depend on being fresh and dainty. Your order to be delivered before Xmas. It costs no more than fresh candy.

who wishes a lease on unapply to M. B. Shaw.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO | 88 LUCAS COUNTY

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of varnish that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catgut Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.

A. W. GLEASON,
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Hall's Catgut Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonial free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.
Sold by all Druggists, etc.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Some Bible Questions.

Who was the first archer mentioned in the Bible?

In whose funeral procession was the first record of horses?

Who was the first person on record who wept?

Who found out a man's nationality by giving him a test in pronunciation?

Who was famous for his fast driving?

Who was called "a mighty hunter before the Lord?"

Find the titles of four modern novels in the book of Ecclesiastes?

Where does Tennyson get his idea for the song "Too Late?"

Where does Kipling get his line: "The tumult and the shouting die?"

Who said: "Tell it not in Gath?"

Who said: "Escaped with the skin of my teeth?"

What was the name of Saul's father?

Who saw in a vision a valley of dry bones?

Who built an ivory house?

Who was the inventor of the harp and organ?

Who was the first ironworker?

Who employed the first carrier pigeon?

The age of but one woman is given in the Bible? whose?

Who wrote the first poem?

Who said: "O, that mine enemy would write a book!"

Who said: "My punishment is greater than I can bear?"

What was the name of Samson's father?

What was the name of Esau's mother?

Who said: "Jealousy is cruel as the grave?"

Who founded the city of Babylon?

Money to Loan.

I can make farm loans in Fulton county, Ky., at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent per annum on first class improved farming lands. Not more than half the cash value of a farm will be loaned. Loans made for five years with privilege to borrower of paying same after two years in full or making any size partial payment desired at intervals of six months after the expiration of two years from date of loan. 13th-c

O. SPRADLIN, Atty-at-Law, Union City, Tenn.

Matrimonial Catechism.

What is marriage? Marriage is an institution for the blind.

Why do some Hickman people never marry?

Because they do not believe in divorce.

When a man thinks seriously of marriage, what happens?

He remains single.

Should a man marry a girl for her money?

No. But he should not let her be an old maid just because she's rich.

When a girl refers to a "sad courtship," what does she mean?

She means that the man got away.

Is an engagement as good as a marriage?

It's better.

In selecting a husband why does a girl prefer a fat man?

Because a fat man finds it hard to stoop to anything low.

When asking, how should a young man act?

He should face papa manfully and never give him a chance at his back.

When the minister says: "Do you take this woman for the better or worse?" what does he mean?

The bridegroom's people construe it one way, and the bride's family interpret it another. It is very sad.

When a man says he can manage his wife, what does he mean?

He means he can make her do anything she wants to.

When a child is smart and good, to whose family is it due?

To its mother's.

When a child is bad and stupid, to whose family is it due?

We refuse to answer.

Is it possible for a married man to be a fool without knowing it?

Not if his wife is alive.

Threlkeld & Schmidt will clean and press your clothes, and make necessary repairs, at very reasonable prices. Over Rice's Shoe Store.

Holiday Goods



OUR special effort this season in the direction of ORIGINAL and NEW FEATURES has met with most gratifying success, and we shall deem it a privilege to show you a very extensive assortment of HOLIDAY GOODS that are as NEW as they are PLEASING and APPROPRIATE.

We Invite Your Attention to The LATEST and BEST!

Throughout our stock are thousands of choice and desirable gifts from the finest to the most inexpensive, yet all grades are the best of their kind; and the price is regulated by the true value of the article.

Two Big Stores

Containing Mammoth Stocks Insures Variety!



The Stock is now on display. We can please old and young. A critical examination of our stock of Holiday Goods will convince you that our line is unequalled in merit or price in West Tennessee or Kentucky.

Berendes & Co.

The Christmas Store, Hickman, Ky.

WITH THE SAGES.

Nothing can atone for want of truth—Ruskin.

Goodness thinks no ill where no ill seems.—Milton.

The best workman is he who loves his work.—T. T. Lynch.

There is nothing little to the really great in spirit.—Dickens.

Habit, if not resisted, soon becomes necessity.—St. Augustine.

Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.—Jefferson.

Greatness and goodness are not means, but ends.—Coleridge.

It is one thing to see your road; another to cut it.—George Elliot.

Labor rids us of three great evils: poverty, vice and enmity.—Voltaire.

A man must stand erect, not be kept erect by others.—Marcus Aurelius.

The reward of one duty is the power to fulfill another.—George Elliot.

The most important of all is the education of the will.—F. W. Farrar.

Habit has more force in forming our characters than opinions have.—H. Hall.

We hand folks over to God's mercy and show none ourselves.—George Elliot.

Each man has his special duty to perform, his special work to do.—Smiles.

Dependable Furniture



We wish to call special attention to our Furniture Department. We are constantly receiving new additions to our stock—stylish, dependable, furniture, and invite you to call and see the many useful articles we have in the way of house and home furnishings. All at—

Low Prices, Too.

Make some of your Holiday purchases here. Nothing more acceptable than Furniture—something that will always be nice and ornamental.

SEWING MACHINES and SUPPLIES

In our Undertaking Department we handle everything in the way of Coffins, Caskets and Funeral Supplies. Our aim in this department is promptness and efficiency and we always succeed in our aim. Experienced men on duty day and night.

W. F. MONTGOMERY

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

The best rule about bringing up your children is not to have any.

A woman's idea of a good figure wouldn't be if it looked natural.

Half the time a reason a girl wants to marry a man is he doesn't want her to.

When a man takes pride in having people think he is well off it's because he isn't.

There never was a thin woman who would admit that she was that way all over.

Anyway a woman does as well at obeying her husband as he does at cherishing her.

Don't Wait!

Phone me and I will call for your Laundry.

THE O. K.

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BEST

FRANK SMITH, Agt.

See our line of Ladies and Gentlemen's Handkerchiefs.—Baltzer & Dodds D. G. Co.

Nothing nicer for a holiday gift than engraved calling cards. The Courier can furnish them on short notice.

For Sale—Two good work horses—E. M. Bradley. 8tp

Fresh oysters—the good kind—at Perry's.

OUR USUAL X-MAS CUT PRICE SALE

**Begins Saturday Dec. 12, with Special Bargains
Daily until Thursday, Dec. 31st.**

..Exceptional Bargains for 17 Days..

→ 10% BELOW MANUFACTURERS' PRICES ←

ON the above date the West Hickman Department Store will offer to the public our entire stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Ladies Cloaks, and Gents Furnishings and every thing in the house at a price that will astonish every reader and every visitor to this great Bargain Sale. Don't miss this great money making opportunity. Owing to the great success we had with our last cut price sale, we have bought heavily since in order to give the closest buyers another opportunity to purchase their winter goods so much cheaper than any where else in town. Here are few of the thousands of bargains waiting for you, so don't miss this chance and come to the right place.

..EVERYTHING ONE PRICE AND STRICTLY CASH..

Lot No. 1

Best Calico	20 yds to customer	4c
7c Brown Domestic		.5c
8c "		.6c
Hope Domestic		.8c
Apron Ginghams		.5c
Dress Ginghams		.9c
75c Mohair in all colors		.48c
50c Worsted Dress Goods		.35c
75c Broadcloth at		.50c
35c and 25c Waisting at		.19c
15c bordered Mohair at		.9c
12 1-2c Outing Flannel		.9c
10 "		.8c
8c "		.5c
12 1-2c Cotton Flannel at		.9c
12 1-2c bordered Flannelette		.9c
25c Feather Bed Ticking at		.19c
50c Woolen Flannel		.30c
35c "		.22c

Lot No. 2

Furnishing goods of all kinds for Ladies, Misses, Gents and Boys. We can clothe, shoe and dress the whole family.	
\$15.00 Ladies Coats in black, brown and castor for	\$.98
\$12.50 and \$11.50 Ladies Coats at	\$.748
\$10.00 " 9.00 " "	.598
7.50 " 6.50 " "	.398
9.00 " 8.00 Misses Coats	.598
7.50 " 6.00 " "	.448
5.00 " 4.00 " "	.298
4.50 Children Cloaks at	.298
3.50 " "	.224
2.00 " "	.98
\$1.25 Ladies all wool Scarfs for	.90c
\$1.00 and 75c Ladies all wool Shawls	.48c
65c and 50c " "	.38c
40c and 35 " Scarfs and Shawls at	.24c
75c Ladies Heavy Fleeced Underwear	.48c
40c and 35c Ladies " Vests	.24c
75c and 65c " Union Suits	.45c
40c and 35c Misses " "	.24c
50c Golf Gloves	.35c
40c and 35c Golf Gloves	.21c

Lot No. 3

Our line of clothing is complete and up-to-date. Let us sell you your Christmas suit or overcoat.

\$20.00 Mens Suits in Black and Fancy, must be closed out at	\$.11.98
\$15 Mens fancy suits at	\$.998
\$12.50 " Brown and Black Fancy Suits	.898
\$10 " " "	.798
\$7.50 " D. B. Suits	.448
\$15 Mens Overcoats at	.998
\$12.50 and 10 " "	.748
\$9.00 and 7.50 " "	.548
\$6.50 " "	.448
\$7.50 Children Suits in fancy and N. B. Pants at	.448
\$5.00 Child Suits	.398
\$4.00 " "	.248
\$2.50 " "	.178
\$2.00 " "	.129
\$5.00 Mens Peg Top, side Buckles in Black and Fancy at	.398
\$4.50 4.00 Pants in all colors at	.329
\$3.50, 3.00 Mens Pants at	.198
\$2.50, 2.00 " "	.148
\$3.50 Best Mens Corduroys	.298
\$2.00 good quality "	.129
\$1.50 N. B. Boys Knee Pants	.98c
\$1.00, 1.25 Corduroy Pants	.78c
75c Boys Pants	.48c
50c " "	.38c

Lot No. 4

Our line of hats are all new and up-to-date

\$5.00 J. B. Stetson Hats	\$.348
\$3.50 Black and Brown Derby	1.98
\$3.00 Special Line	1.98
\$2.50, 2.00 Good Hats	.448
\$1.50 " " "	.98c
75c Good Winter Caps	.48c
50c " " "	.38c
40c " " "	.24c
50c Misses Caps	.24c
50c Child Silk Caps	.25c

Lot No. 5

Our line of Shoes can not be equalled in town. Try us once and you will never try any other.

\$5.00 Mens Pat. Shoes	\$.398
\$4.50 " "	.348
\$4.50 " and Calf Shoes	.348
\$4.00 " " Box "	.319
\$3.50 " fine Shoes	.248
\$5.00 " High Top Shoes	.348
\$3.00 " Heavy "	.248
\$2.50 " good "	.198
\$2.00 Mens all wool shirts	.148
\$1.90 " nice "	.129

Ladies Shoes

\$3.50 Best Ladies Pat. and Vici Shoes	2.78
\$3.00 " " " Brown "	2.43
\$2.50 " " " Box "	1.98
\$2.00 Fine Ladies Shoes	1.48
\$1.50 " " " "	1.13

\$1.50 Mens Buck Skin Gloves	.98c
\$1.50 " Gauntlets	.98c
\$1.00, 1.25 Mens B. S.	.98c
75c Mens B. S. Gloves	.48c
50c, 40c " wool and Jersey Gloves	.24c
\$3.00 all cotton comforts at	\$1.98
\$1.50 extra large cotton Blankets	\$1.19
50c all Silk Ties at	.98c
40 " " " " "	.24c

Our stock of groceries is complete. We carry the best line and highest quality made. Our stock is always fresh. Try our special line of 15c and 20c coffee. It is the best the market can afford for the price. Meat, lard, flour and sugar cheaper than any other grocery store in town. Tobacco of all kind, chewing and smoking.

Make arrangements to attend this sale before Xmas as your money will go further here than at any other place in town.

REMEMBER! We are giving a great reduction on everything in the house so don't miss this great money saving opportunity. Christmas goods of all kinds, such as Candies, Toys, Dolls, Oranges, Apples, &c. Remember the date and the place, and bear in mind that we guarantee every piece of goods and every price that is quoted on this page.

West Hickman Dept. Store
A. S. BARKETT, Proprietor.

Gossip of Washington

What Is Going On at the National Capital.

Mystery of a Missing Mink Overcoat



WASHINGTON.—Unless St. Anthony speedily answers his prayers, or some other agency of the lost and found intervenes to help him, it may be necessary for Senator McCumber of North Dakota to insert an advertisement in the newspapers of his state for a mysteriously missing overcoat.

In the second week of his strenuous campaign for the presidency Judge Taft invaded North Dakota. He was accompanied by a cold wave that met him at Minneapolis. Great preparations had been made for his entertainment at Fargo, where the arrangements contemplated a visit by the Republican presidential candidate to a big barbecue near the edge of the city. All these plans were outlined to Mr. Taft by a local committee which boarded the train at Crookston, Minn. When Mr. Taft hinted that he had no garment to protect him from the cold, local committeemen said they would see to it that he was provided with proper habiliments.

When the Taft special reached Grand Forks, Senator McCumber got Fargo on the long-distance telephone and said he wanted the chairman of the county committee to be at the station with an overcoat that would fit Judge Taft. A hundred loyal sons

of Fargo were willing to shiver in the raw prairie blizzard that the next president of the United States should be properly clad. The difficulty was to find a man of the Taft physical proportions who owned an overcoat.

The county chairman was in despair until he happened to think of Finn Leech, "bonanza farmer," whose ranch is only a few miles from Fargo. Finn weighs 340 pounds. The county chairman lost no time in getting in touch with Finn Leech.

"Did Finn have an overcoat?" Sure thing, and it was lined with mink and cost \$175.

"Would he loan it to Judge Taft for use this evening?" Would he? Would a lifelong Republican miss a chance to have his finest garment adorn the shoulders of the leader of his party?

Ten minutes later the overcoat was in the hands of the county chairman and Judge Taft was tucked beneath its ample folds as soon as his train reached Fargo. He wore the coat to the barbecue and to the meetings following the feast. And for all that Finn knows he may be wearing it now as he follows the elusive golf ball over the links at Hot Springs.

The \$175 mink-lined overcoat disappeared when Judge Taft left Fargo. Nobody seems to know where it is. Its owner has asked Senator McCumber to make an investigation.

It's colder now in Fargo than it was when Judge Taft visited that city and Finn Leech is willing to wager this is going to be the most severe winter ever known on the prairies of North Dakota.

Citizens Want a Change in Government



THE liveliest question in Washington just now is that of a change in the district's form of government. As everybody probably well knows affairs are administered now by a commission of three men appointed by the president, one of whom must be an army engineer.

There is undoubtedly a growing opinion that a concentration of authority in the district government would simplify the municipal situation and produce better results. The commission plan has its good features. It has long been held up as a model, ideally suited to the needs of the District of Columbia, where suffrage is denied. But frequent and repeated contention and bickering among the members of the board have served to create more or less general criticism of the commission plan, and thus give the propaganda for a change some momentum. With the commissioners obviously working at cross purposes, and airing their differences, and subordinate district officials following

this example by engaging in noisy controversies, it is a logical sequoia that the present form of government should gradually be somewhat undermined.

Many substantial citizens and large taxpayers are convinced that a one-headed government would work more smoothly and satisfactorily. This is no new conviction on their part. It has been emphasized in recent exhibitions of division in the present triumvirate, it is true, but the advisability of concentrated authority has appealed to them for years.

These citizens, however, who honestly believe in the wisdom of a change for the public good see great danger in going before congress and asking for a change at this time. If by simple act one commissioner or governor could be substituted for the triumvirate they would urge it earnestly and heartily. But they fear the proposition would mean the opening up of the whole question of the relations between the district and federal government, with a possible alteration of the organic act and perchance the granting of unrestricted suffrage.

Better suffer the ills we have, they argue, than invite ills we know not of, especially as the ills we now have, though vexatious, impose no heavy burdens and involve no maladministration.

Joy of Department Clerks Shortlived



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT caused great rejoicing among 25,000 government clerks here the other day, by announcing that he had no intention of compelling the poor overworked employee to labor an additional 30 minutes daily.

But before the rejoicing got to the danger point, he spoiled it all, by adding a postscript that he would permit no department head to increase the salary of any of the employees.

The hours which the department employees now observe are from nine a. m. to 4:30 p. m., with half an hour for lunch.

Up to three years ago, they quit at four o'clock in the afternoon, when very suddenly the strenuous president issued an order taking on the additional half hour. Then it was rumored

that he intended to complete the job by making it a full hour, and keeping the clerks at work until five o'clock every day.

So when the clerks want to work the other day there was great rejoicing in the White House announcement that 4:30 would still be the limit.

Then came the second half of the same executive order directing that no increase should be offered, suggested, or proposed in any of the budgets for anybody. Economy was given as the cause.

This order affects not only the Washington employees of the government, but its employees throughout the country, many of whom are figuring on generous increases.

Secretary Loeb explained that the no-increase order did not apply to regular promotions under the civil service, but that it would forbid the increase of any clerk's or official's salary for the same work. It is understood that a number of department heads intended to recommend in their current estimates an increase for some of their subordinates. The president's order applies all of this.

Police Ban on Dazzling Salome Posters



THE shock to the modesty of the guardian of Washington's morals the other day was almost overwhelming when his eye caught an animated, dazzling and highly colored poster of the dance of Salome.

"Avaunt from my sight, ye temptresses," he cried as he slowly recovered his moral standard. Forthwith he determined that the capital could not gaze upon these pictures of the dancer in full career.

The edict of this "moral censor," who is H. L. Gossford, inspector of po-

lice, is law, so far as it concerns theatrical posters, and so the Washington billboards will be barren of Salome.

Thus was Gertrude Hoffman, who had "a vision of Salome" to present to the capital at one of the leading theaters, banished from the sight of the casual passerby, the street urchin and the student of billboard art.

The offending poster now repose in the dark recesses of the stage of the theater, while actors and managers and attaches gather about and declare them martyrs to the cause of art.

"Ain't it awful, Mabel, that such swell pictures should be condemned, jest like some phony canned goods or something like that," said one indignant chorus girl. Just to show that the management did not share the shame of the censor, the poster was pasted up in the theater lobby.

PRACTICAL SOIL TREATMENT.

What One Farmer Did with One Piece of Land.

The proper and profitable treatment of soil comes only by actual experiment. Mr. Frank I. Mann, a practical farmer of Iroquois county, Illinois, gives a bit of his experience as follows:

When ten tons per acre of manure shipped at 55 cents per ton were applied to land, increasing the yield ten bushels of corn which sold at 50 cents per bushel, the result was not very profitable. So a little science was applied. An analysis of the soil showed deficiency of phosphorus, an ample supply of potassium with no acidity of the soil. Test plots on which different elements of plant food were applied gave no material increase in the yield from any treatment except where phosphorus was applied. The increase from \$25 worth of nitrogen was one bushel per acre, while four dollars' worth of phosphorus increased the yield 17 bushels, worth \$8.50, while there was left in the soil available for future use enough phosphorus from this treatment for 650 bushels of corn. Nothing was left from the nitrogen treatment but a surplus of nitrogen which proved to be an injury to the following crop.

To treat this 80-acre field with 125 pounds of phosphorus per acre would require one 40-ton car of rock phosphate at a cost of \$320, or 5,000 tons of manure at a cost of \$2,500, at 50 cents per ton. But the nitrogen in this field had been well kept up by a crop of clover every fourth year since the land was virgin soil—25 years.

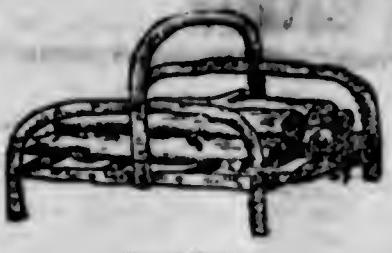
Science will suggest a procedure for each field or type of soil according to its individual conditions, and not the same treatment for all. Science would have applied the manure to another field, one that was in need of the nitrogen, thereby economizing both the manure and the natural supply of nitrogen.

Science gives economy in showing the amount of treatment necessary as well as the kind of treatment. A field may have one type of soil containing 700 pounds of phosphorus to an acre in the plowed soil, and another type with nearly 2,000 pounds. It will not be economy to make the same amount of treatment for both. One field might require one ton of lime to correct acidity and another require five tons

HANDY WOOD CARRIER.

A Boy Can Make It and It Will Prove Serviceable.

An ingenious boy can make the combined woodbox and wood carrier shown in the cut from green sticks with the bark on. Bore holes for the insertion of ends where practicable, and use round-headed screws in other



places. It may be made any desirable size, not too large. Care should be taken, suggests the Farm and Home, to put it together good and strong. Such a carrier can be filled with wood at the pile, carried to the stove and allowed to set beside it until all the wood is used.

A SUITABLE SEED BED.

Prof. Thomas Shaw Tells How to Prepare Such.

The importance of a good seed bed cannot be easily overestimated. If the seed bed is not suitable for receiving the seed when it is sown, growth will be handicapped right at the start, and when young plants do not start well, only the most favorable weather conditions can result in a good crop.

When clay lands have been plowed in the autumn, they should not be stirred in the spring until they have dried out so much that they will not pack when cultivated or harrowed. To stir them at an earlier period would mean that they would soon become so cloddy that the young plants could make no headway. Even though waiting should mean late sowing, those lands should not be stirred until they are dry.

On the other hand, certain sandy soils and also soils of the prairie will dry more quickly if they are stirred, even before they are dry enough to sow. To stir them up with the cultivator or harrow will put them in condition for being sown earlier than would otherwise be practicable. As early sown cereal crops are usually the best, the advantage thus obtained by advancing the sowing two or three days may be material.

When clay lands are plowed in the spring, it will be fatal to the crop for the season if they are plowed while possessed of too much water in the soil. When they dry the clods will be bricklike in their tendency. But though such lands should be a little underdry when plowed, if they freeze more or less for several nights in succession they will be brought to a crumbling consistency.

Of course, prairie lands in the northwestern states may be sown in many instances as soon as the frost is far enough below to admit of furnishing a good covering for the grain. Moisture is then supplied from below

LIVING ADVERTISEMENT.

Glow of Health Speaks for Postum.

It requires no scientific training to discover whether coffee disagrees or not.

Simply stop it for a time and use Postum in place of it, then note the beneficial effects. The truth will appear.

"Six years ago I was in a very bad condition," writes a Tenn. lady, "I suffered from indigestion, nervousness and insomnia."

"I was then an inveterate coffee drinker, but it was long before I could be persuaded that it was coffee that hurt me. Finally I decided to leave it off a few days and find out the truth."

"The first morning I left off coffee had a raging headache, so I decided I must have something to take the place of coffee." (The headache was caused by the reaction of the coffee drug—caffein.)

"Having heard of Postum through a friend who used it, I bought a package and tried it. I did not like it at first but after I learned how to make it right, according to directions on pkg., I would not change back to coffee for anything."

"When I began to use Postum I weighed only 117 lbs. Now I weigh 170 and as I have not taken any tonic in that time I can only attribute my recovery of good health to the use of Postum in place of coffee."

"My husband says I am a living advertisement for Postum. I am glad to be the means of inducing my many friends to use Postum, too."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellness," in pgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Call and see our stock. Everything up-to-date.

Mary Berendes & Company



This woman says that sick women should not fail to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as she did.

Mrs. A. Gregory, of 2355 Lawrence St., Denver, Colo., writes to Mrs. Pinkham:

"I was practically an invalid for six years, on account of female trouble. I underwent an operation by the doctor's advice, but in a few months I was worse than before. A friend advised Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it restored me to perfect health, such as I have not enjoyed in many years. Any woman suffering as I did with backache, bearing-down pains, and periodic pains, should not fail to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN.

For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulence, indigestion, dizziness, or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

ALPINE PERILS.



Disgrace of Timson, who has been dodging his tailor for the last six months, when he suddenly comes upon him at the summit of a mountain in Switzerland.

More Proof of His Wisdom. Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, was talking at his Morris Plains stock farm about Arabian horses, of which he makes a specialty.

"They must be treated kindly," he said. "Never a blow of the whip. That would drive them mad with rage and humiliation."

"Animals, like children, must be kindly treated. A blow spoils all."

"But, as regards children, you know," the reporter objected, "didn't Solomon say: 'Spare the rod and spoil the child'?"

"Ab, yes," said Mr. Davenport, "but he didn't say it till after he had grown up."

Smile's Face Value.

Although most of us would hesitate to express what might be termed the face value of the "modern smile," we certainly realize at times that it is a form of currency which is depreciating. In the "modern smile" we recognize the crude, official thing which neither illuminates, cheers nor bridges awful gaps of silence. It may savor of suggesting a wave of imbecility to declare that we ought all to smile more, but it is certainly true that the charm of a woman's smile was once esteemed even above beauty.

LIVING ADVERTISEMENT.

Glow of Health Speaks for Postum.

It requires no scientific training to discover whether coffee disagrees or not.

Simply stop it for a time and use Postum in place of it, then note the beneficial effects. The truth will appear.

"Six years ago I was in a very bad condition," writes a Tenn. lady, "I suffered from indigestion, nervousness and insomnia."

"I was then an inveterate coffee drinker, but it was long before I could be persuaded that it was coffee that hurt me. Finally I decided to leave it off a few days and find out the truth."

"The first morning I left off coffee had a raging headache, so I decided I must have something to take the place of coffee." (The headache was caused by the reaction of the coffee drug—caffein.)

"Having heard of Postum through a friend who used it, I bought a package and tried it. I did not like it at first but after I learned how to make it right, according to directions on pkg., I would not change back to coffee for anything."

"When I began to use Postum I weighed only 117 lbs. Now I weigh 170 and as I have not taken any tonic in that time I can only attribute my recovery of good health to the use of Postum in place of coffee."

"My husband says I am a living advertisement for Postum. I am glad to be the means of inducing my many friends to use Postum, too."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellness," in pgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Call and see our stock. Everything up-to-date.

Mary Berendes & Company

Farmers and Merchants Bank

Clinton Street, Hickman, Kentucky.

Christmas Dinner
by
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By
AH MILTON KERR

Illustration by W. G. Chapman.

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In his mind were many glancing thoughts. In such moments the mentality of man sometimes seems as a diamond with many facets. He thought of the Christmas tree to be lighted in the parlor at home in Denver, of how tired he was of corned-beef, of where they would bury him when they took him crushed and dead from the snow at the bottom of the gulch, whether or not his school fellows if they now saw him would shout "Slide, Donald, slide!" as they used to when he was running the bases while playing ball, and many other things, all, seemingly, in a single moment.

It must have been a very short period in which he was leaping and tumbling and whirling about on the mighty toboggan, for the avalanche ran down the mountain side like a swiftly burrowing snake, save that its undulations were up and down instead of sidewise as with a serpent. It seemed to Donald he had scarcely drawn six breaths before the snow-slide shot from the precipice above the cabin. Swift as was his flight he was conscious that the slide had leaped from the canyon wall, for throughout a few seconds there was no noise and he seemed being borne upon a bed of feathers through space, then there was a roar as of muffled thunder and he was swallowing deep in snow.

The mental picture that had finished through Donald's mind of his young uncle sitting by the fire engrossed in a printed romance, had been true to the fact. Sumpter had awokened to the coming of the avalanche only when it neared the brink of the wall, 70 feet above the cabin. His book dropped from his hand and he made a leap for the door. The next moment a bear crashed through the roof and smote the floor in front of the fire, leaving the luckless animal lifeless. Sumpter's face blanched as he stared at the strange object, then he thought of Donald and hurriedly passed his way out of the door. The snow about the cabin was up to his neck and the roof was piled deep with it, but the bulk of the slide had leaped clear over the little house, heaving the bottom of the gulch to the opposite wall, some 600 feet away. The bear had dropped from the tail of this rushing mass directly upon the cabin.

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"Come into the cabin," said Sumpter, "we will have broiled bear steak for Christmas dinner! Too many snowslides around here now; tomorrow we will pull out for Denver. In the spring we will come back and tunnel until we strike the vein."

All of which came true.

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climbed until he came out upon the gleaming side of the mountain; thence he made his way slowly westward, passing around upheaving masses of dark stone, across slopes that were smooth as white satin, and, still further up the mountain side, found little hollows, evidently lined with brush but now filled with snow, simply big, glistening dimples in the mountain's fat face; but he saw no deer.

Finally, being weary of laboring through what was very much like an infinite bed of glittering down, he reached a point on the steep slope apparently a quarter of a mile or so directly north of the cabin. As he stood there debating if he should return to the "draw" or attempt to find a more direct route to the floor of the gulch, he suddenly felt himself moving. His first thought was that an earthquake was swaying the mountain or that he himself had been seized with vertigo. Then with a wild thrill he perceived that a strip of snow 200 feet wide and perhaps 500 feet in length was moving down the mountain side!

Donald's gray eyes dilated with sudden fear and horror. He was thrown headlong in the snow, hearing as he fell the crunch of stones that were being ripped out of their beds and the crash and rending of stumps and roots as they parted from their sockets in the earth. With every pulse leaping in alarm he got to his feet, toppling and reeling and shouting for aid as he glanced about him. The next instant he was again thrown headlong. He was upon the back of a steed beside which the fabled Horse of Death was as an insect. Something went through his brain like a sheet of flame, Is it a picture of Sumpter sitting by the open fire of pine logs down in the cabin, a book in his hand, undreaming of this ruthless monster rushing down to crush him.

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A Nice Hint.

"I know what I'll do," said the girl whose baneful lover would not propose. "I'll go out as a trained nurse."

"But that is a profession. You know nothing about it," he replied. "Haven't I had six months' experience sitting up nights with you?"—Illustrated Hits.

An itching trouble is not necessarily a dangerous one, but certainly a most disagreeable affliction. No matter the name, if you itch—it cures you. It isn't Cure is "it." Absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of itching known. First application relieves.

The Language of the Plants.
"He didn't care to write to her when he wanted her to arrange for a secret marriage, so he sent her a running vine."

"What did she do?"

"Sent him a canteenope."

ED GEERS. "The grand old man," he is called for he is an honest handling horses in races. He says: "I have used SPOHN'S DISTEMPER CURE for 12 years, always with best success. It is the only remedy I know to cure all forms of distemper and prevent horses in same stable having the disease." 50c and \$1 a bottle. All druggists, or manufacturers. Spohn Medical Co., Chemists, Goshen, Ind.

Getting His Own Back.
"The giraffe has a tongue 18 inches long," said Mrs. Talkmore.

"And knows how to hold it, too," growled Mr. T., who had had a long curtain lecture the night before.—Answers.

No Others.
It is a class to itself. It has no rivals. It cures where others merely relieve. For aches, pains, stiff joints, cuts, burns, bites, etc., it is the quickest and surest remedy ever devised. We mean Huat's Lightning Oil.

Reciprocity.
"He's very quick to reciprocate." "Yes?" "Yes; I killed his dog yesterday and buried mine today."

For Colds and Grippe—Capudine.
The best remedy for Grippe and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10, 5 and 10c at Drug Stores.

A man may follow his natural bent and yet be perfectly straight.

Pains All Over

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ACCURATE INFORMATION.



Fortune Teller—This line here shows that you will die in a year.

Client—Good heavens! In a year? "H'm—yes—but in which year I can't quite tell you."

BAD ITCHING HUMOR.

Limbs Below the Knees Were Raw—Fest Swollen—Sleep Broken—Cured in 2 Days by Cuticura.

"Some two months ago I had a humor break out on my limbs below my knees. They came to look like raw beefsteak, all red, and no one knows how they itched and burned. They were so swollen that I could not get my shoes on for a week or more. I used five or six different remedies and got no help, only when applying them the burning was worse and the itching less. For two or three weeks the suffering was intense and during that time I did not sleep an hour at a time. Then one morning I tried a bit of Cuticura. From the moment it touched me the itching was gone and I have not felt a bit of it since. The swelling went down and in two days I had my shoes on and was about as usual George H. Farley, 50 South State St., Concord, N. H., May 14, 1907."

The Dissatisfied.
The happy people in the world are those who enjoy what they have. Those for whom nothing is good enough are neither fit for earth nor would be satisfied in heaven. Here they are restless. There their halos would be damp or would not set straight. The third domain, which rhymes with well, would be well for them, for the heat would be too inviolable or attending to fires would be too monotonous.

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM.
Take the Old Standard GROVER'S TANTELLIAN TILLE TINSE. It is plain, simple, and easily digestible. It is plain, simple Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form, and the most effectual form. For grown people and children.

A Clever Fellow.
"Did you friend make a bit at the literary club?" "I guess he did. He pronounced 'Les Misérables' in a brand-new way and then intoned it as Victor Herbert's masterpiece." — Washington Herald.

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SEEMED WORSE EVERY DAY.

A Dangerous Case of Kidney Complaint and How It Was Checked.

Mrs. Lucy Quebec, Mechanic St., Hope Valley, R. I., says: "Eight years ago I contracted severe kidney trouble and my back began to ache continually. Every day it seemed worse. The least pressure on my back tortured me, and I could not stoop without a bad twinge. The kidney secretions passed irregularly with pain, and I bloated badly. My head swam and spots flitted before my eyes. One doctor said I was incurable. However, I found prompt relief when I started using Don's Kidney Pills, and the troubles I have related gradually disappeared."

Sold by all dealers. 50c a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Conscience.

A man who does not use his conscience often has terrible paroxysms of it; but a man who uses it all the time never comes into what is called a state of conscience. It comes on him as dew on flowers, and falls on him gently as rain on the ground. He is full of conscience, but it is not concentrated at any single point. It is distributed through the brain, the nerves, the muscles and the skin. It is in every part of him. It pervades his life. It does not, therefore, rise up into a freshet.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Catarrah Cannot Be Cured

With LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrah is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take a general medicine. It is a disease of the eye, and acts internally, and acts directly upon the blood and nervous surfaces. Halt's Catarrah Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in the country 10 years ago, and the prescription is in common use to this day. It is composed of 100 various known herbs, mixed with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrah, according to the physicians.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Prop., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, price 1c.
Take Hall's Family Pill for constipation.

Is This True?

"I wouldn't do for politics, I guess," said the pretty girl. "I'd simply vote the way papa votes."

"In that," remarked an observer, "you wouldn't differ so very much from most men."



For Lame Back

An aching back is instantly relieved by an application of Sloan's Liniment.

This liniment takes the place of massage and is better than sticky plasters. It penetrates—without rubbing—through the skin and muscular tissue right to the bone, quickens the blood, relieves congestion, and gives permanent as well as temporary relief.

Sloan's Liniment

has no equal as a remedy for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, or any pain or stiffness in the muscles or joints.

Price 25c., 50c., and \$1.00.

Dr. Earl S. Sloan, Boston, Mass., U. S. A.
Sloan's book on horses, cattle, sheep and poultry sent free.



"For ten years" writes Mrs. Luzania Morgan, of Sneadville, Tenn., "I suffered with the turn of life, and tried many remedies without relief. I had pains all over my body and at times I could not sit up. At last I took Cardui and now I can do my housework. I have told many ladies about Cardui and recommend it to all sick women."

Take Cardui

You cannot afford to experiment with your health. When sick, or ailing, from any of the troubles peculiar to women, take Cardui, the woman's remedy, about which you have so often heard; the medicine of real, scientific merit, endorsed by thousands, and pronounced "the best medicine for female troubles."

Its curative virtues, are known and proven. For headache, backache, dragging sensations, etc., it has been found unequalled. Try it.

NINETY-EIGHT FEET SHY.



Mr. Gandy—Tbank heaven, I'm not a centipede.

BREAKS A COLD PROMPTLY

The following formula is a never failing remedy for colds:

One ounce of Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla, one ounce Tonic Compound and one-half pint of good whiskey, mix and shake thoroughly each time and use in doses of a tablespoonful every four hours.

This follows up will cure an acute cold in 24 hours. The ingredients can be gotten at any drug store.

Well Prepared.

"I learn," she said reproachfully, "that you were devoted to no fewer than five girls before you finally proposed to me. How do I know that you didn't make desperate love to all of them?"

"I did," he replied promptly.

"You did!" she exclaimed.

"Certainly," he returned. "You don't suppose for a moment that I would be foolhardy enough to try for such a prize as you are without practicing a little first, do you?"

Inartistic Pottery.

We wonder that some of our enterprising firms with the greatest resources at their command do not produce cheap artistic pottery, for it would possibly create its own market after a time. One cardinal faith among most shopkeepers appears to be that art with a big A must be paid extra for. Until we get rid of this foolish belief we shall not make much progress in popularizing art.—British Architect.

For the Blues.

If you are blue, deflated, and feel like the world is "in for you," the chances are your liver is taking a few days off. Put it to work by using Simmons' Liver Purifier (tin boxes); it's the best regulator of them all.

How it Happened.

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Gift Candies

FRESH FOR THE HOLIDAYS. Advance samples of our Xmas Candy Offerings are being displayed at our store. COME IN NOW and make your selections in comfort before the "rush" commences. If we book your order NOW, remember we fill it the day before Xmas from fresh stocks!

The Finest Confections Made—we have chosen our Gift Candles with the utmost care from the choicest offerings of America's foremost candy makers—NUNNALLY'S—experts in the art of making delicious sweets. A beautiful showing of Gift Packages. Let us show you the samples.

HELM & ELLISON, Hickman



HOME LOVE THE BEST.

We think home love is the best. The love that you are born to is the sweetest that you will ever have on earth. You, who are anxious to escape from the home nest, pause a moment and remember that this is so. It is right that the hour should come when you in your time should become a wife and mother and give the best love to others, but that will be just it. Nobody, not a lover, nor a husband, will ever be so tender or so true as your father or mother. Never again after strangers have broken the beautiful bond, will there be anything so sweet as the little home circle of mother, father and children, where you were cherished, praised, protected and kept from harm. You may not know it now but you will know it some day, whomsoever you marry, true and good though he may be, will, after the lover days are over and the honeymoon has waned, give you only what you deserve of love or sympathy, and usually much less, never more.

A HAPPY WOMEN.

Is she not the very sparkle and sunshine of life?—A woman who is happy because she can't help it, whose smiles even the coldest sprinkle of misfortune cannot dampen. Men make a terrible mistake when they marry for beauty, for talents, or for style. The sweetest wives are those who possess the magic secret of being contented under any circumstances. Rich or poor, high or low, makes no difference; the bright little fountain of joy bubbles up just as musically in their hearts. Do they live in a log cabin, the fire that leaps upon its humble heart becomes brighter than the gilded chandeliers in an Aladdin palace. Where is the stream of life so dark and unproportionate that the sunshine

of a happy face falling on the turbid tide will not waken an answering gleam? Why, these joyful, good-tempered people don't know half the good they do.

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It is difficult for a woman who has led an active life as housekeeper to become a passive member of her son's or daughter's home. She likes her old way best, she longs to show the younger generation how they are wasting their resources. Youth will learn only by experience. It resents interference. And so there are misunderstandings, and unhappiness results. A woman is always happier in her own home with her own income, however small it may be, than in the home of another, even of her own son and daughter, though it be a home of wealth and lavish generosity, where there is an earnest desire to make her comfortable.

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A mother is truly our guardian spirit upon earth; her goodness shields and protects; she walks with our infancy, our youth and maturing age, even sheltering us with her absolving love, and expiating our many sins with her blessed prayers. And when our mother, with all her burden of love, her angelic influence, saintly care, ceases her beauteous life, how much we lose of home, of happiness, of heaven, no one can reckon; for our mother was none but ours, and we only can know how holy she was, how sacred her memory must be.

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Old age should be well fed, well dressed, well housed, free from the worries of life and the discomforts. It should be placid and gentle and beautiful. The heart free from care and the body free from labor, the mind should expand and the aged should become a source of moral strength and wisdom to all about them. The old folks should be cared for and honored, and above all they should be allowed to have their room and their will, for assuredly they have lived long enough to

know what they want.

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If you wish your children to be respectful to you, then you should be respectful to them. The boys and girls who are spoken to in a harsh, rough tone of voice naturally fall into the habit of responding in the same way. Parental dignity and authority may be asserted with the utmost firmness, and yet without coarseness or arrogance. In fact it cannot be well asserted in any other way. A rude father or mother is likely to have rude sons and daughters.

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There is sweet music in every home where the heart strings are touched by gentleness and courtesy. The mild word, the gentle answer, the tender act, the patient considerateness, will touch chords of kindness and make sweet melody in the family as everywhere. A desolate, dreary place is a home devoid of those little courtesies which are practiced in the best social life.

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It is a little thing to show your wife how dear she is to you, to offer manly, lover-like sympathy and help when she is worn out with the day's cares. Yet these little things go far to make the home a nest of happiness and to keep the wife what she was in the sunny days of courtship.

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When man is a success he claims the credit; when he is a failure he finds some woman to blame for it.

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Cultivate a spirit of cheerfulness and gather friends about you by the magic of a sunny face.

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Threlkeld & Schmidt will clean and press your clothes, and make necessary repairs, at very reasonable prices. Over Rice's Shoe Store.

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Now is the time to buy your Christmas Suit or Overcoat. Because, at no time of the year can you get better selections. We have kept the assortment up to the fullest standard by adding the new things as they came out. Our famous

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Handkerchiefs, Fancy Hosiery, Neckwear, Mufflers, Umbrellas, Suit Cases, Collar Bags, Stick Pins, Shirt Sets, Packard Shoes for Men, Red Cross Shoes for Women.

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The Perplexing Problem—**WHAT SHALL I GIVE HIM?**
Answered in the Following Advertised Articles

Suggestions that will Aid both in Choosing and Saving

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A special Holiday line in the late shades of plain and fancy silks.

Holiday Specials in Men's Umbrellas

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Silk Mufflers

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Fancy Suspenders
Fancy Hosiery

White, Plaited and Fancy
Eclipse Shirts

Men's Gloves

Fine imported cape stock.
Dog Skin, lined and unlined Mo-sha and Suede.
All wool Jersey and Scotch Knit. Tan, Fancy, Brown and Black.

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Are also Useful and Suitable Articles for...Christmas Gifts

Ladies Romeo Slips

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OVERGAITER

The Time for Selecting Holiday Gifts was Never Better than the Present—Come

We Take Pleasure in Showing Our Goods

MILLET & NAYLO

Brownsville.

Mrs. Sam Weddel on the sick list. T. F. Benton was in Brownsville, Tuesday. Leeta Smith is visiting friends in this community.

James Kemp has moved to his home near Brownsville.

An infant child of Mrs. Wilson died at 1 o'clock, Tuesday morning.

Rev. Ferguson of Martin preached at the Baptist church, Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Louis Langford and wife have returned home after an extended wedding tour.

A child of Harry Lee King died Monday and was buried Tuesday, at Poplar Grove.

Frank Watson and wife have been visiting their parents, H. L. Williams and wife.

D. Owens, the popular manager of the Cumberland Telephone Co., was here Tuesday.

Rev. Bowles lectured on temperance at the Brownsville Baptist church, Saturday night.

Minimum Prices.

The following minimum prices were agreed upon by the 1908 convention of the Farmers Society of Equality. It is urged that all producers will familiarize themselves with them, keep them in mind, ask them, or if market affords it or conditions in any locality justify it, a higher price and hold for them.

Where the price is based on a central market the farm price will be the minimum price less the freight and a fair commission for home handler, unless the owner ships direct.

Minimum prices as agreed upon by the Convention.

Wheat, No. 1 \$1.35 bu.
Wheat, No. 2 ...1.30 bu.
Bone, No. 2 until Jan. 1, 1.60 bu.
Bone, No. 3 after Jan. 1, 1.65 bu.
Oats, No. 2 ...1.60 bu.
Timothy Hay, good 1.60 bu.
Hay, good 1.60 bu.
Oatmeal 1.60 bu.
Flour, prime 1.60 bu.
Irish Potatoes 1.60 bu.
Sweet Potatoes 1.60 bu.
Pigs, at home 1.60 bu.
Poultry, at home, chicks weighing 1 lb. 1.60 bu.
Cover 1 1/2 lbs. 1.60 bu.
Hens 1.60 bu.
Geese, feathered 1.60 bu.
Geese, plucked 1.60 bu.
Ducks, feathered 1.60 bu.
Ducks, plucked 1.60 bu.
Turkeys, home 1.60 bu.
Turkeys, tame 1.60 bu.
Butter 1.60 bu.
Milk 1.60 bu.
Flax 1.60 bu.
Wool, at home 1.60 bu.
Broom corn 1.60 bu.

Printed by Request
Mis the following by taking in a bottle, and take in tea doses after meals and it helps.

Fluid Extract: Dandelion, 1 ounce; Compound Kava, 1 ounce; Compound Syrup, 1/2 ounce; Rector, 1/2 ounce.

Leigh is the authority that these harmless ingredients can be obtained at nominal cost in home druggist.

The mixture is said to cleanse and strengthen the clogged and inflamed Kidneys, overcoming Bright's Disease, Bladder weakness and trouble of all kinds if taken at the stage of Bright's disease.

Those who have tried this positively overcomes pain in the back, clears the urine of sediment, regulates urination, and cures the disease of bladder weakness.

Every man or woman who feels that the kidneys are not in a healthy condition should mix this prescription and give it a trial, as it is said to be a wonder for many persons.

Bible School Rally.

R. M. Hopkins, of Louisville, will hold a bible school rally in the Christian church, in this Monday, December 14th, at 7 p.m. All superintendents and bible school workers are specially invited to attend these meetings.

The Ladies of the Embroidery Club had a delightful time afternoons when that Club was entertained by Mrs. J. T. Stephen and the club members, their number of invited guests of town visitors. A salad was served.

Cold Weather Is Coming!!

Now is the time to fill your bin with GOOD, CLEAN, FRESH

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Will have plenty of Pittsburgh Coal as soon as Ohio river boats can run.

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Miss Annie Cowgill has returned home from Ward College in Nashville on account of her health, and will remain at home until after the holidays.

Mr. Holmes, who underwent an operation in a Nashville Hospital is reported improving and he thinks he will be able to come home by Christmas.